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DATE 8-23-88 BY

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (105-275) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka  
RM (KLAN)  
OO: ATLANTA

Re Atlanta airtel to Bureau dated 8/20/65.

[redacted] informant [redacted] advised SA [redacted] on 8/25/65. that he had been in touch on that date with [redacted] of Bivins, Texas. [redacted] had been in touch with alleged Klan leaders at Center, Texas, and Coushatta, Louisiana concerning making a trip to Atlanta, Georgia, for the National Klan Convention, a meeting to be held there on 9/4/65. [redacted] wanted to attend this meeting and stated that [redacted] of Coushatta, Louisiana, also intended to make the trip. [redacted] requested informant [redacted] Texas a Klan member, who is [redacted] Atlanta Georgia, for this meeting. The informant has been instructed by SA [redacted], if possible, and attend the meeting.

Bureau authority is requested for the informant to

[redacted]

if he does make the trip. If this trip materializes the informant will be authorized to make it UACB.

- 3 - Bureau (AMSD) (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
- 1 - Little Rock (Info) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (Info) (RM)
- 5 - Dallas (2 - 105-275)
- (1 - 157-12) (AAK)
- (1 - 157-408) (Racial Situation, Center, Texas)

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The purpose of the trip is to further the informant's position in the Klan and to place him in closer contact with more radical leaders of alleged Klan groups now existing in Center, Texas, and in nearby Louisiana.

Copies to Little Rock and New Orleans in view of their close proximity to Texarkana, Texas, Klan activities.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, NE W ORLEANS (157-NEW) RUC

PROPOSED RALLY OF NATIONAL KU  
KLUX KLAN ORGANIZATIONS AT STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, 9/4/65  
RM

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8ATJ/bab

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies  
of a letterhead memorandum dated and captioned as  
above.

Two copies of this letterhead memorandum  
being furnished to the Atlanta Office.

Copies of this letterhead memorandum being  
furnished to Secret Service and ICG, New Orleans.

1-811RB  
3-Bureau (Encls.8)  
2-Atlanta (Encls.2)  
3-New Orleans (1-157-New)  
(1-105-687) (1-66-2404)  
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Confidential source mentioned  
in LHM is [redacted] (Prob).  
[redacted] will not  
attend this rally.

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1 cc detached by  
Klan Group Unit

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER  
DEPT ISD, CRD

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HOW FORW: RUC  
BY: RUC

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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New Orleans, Louisiana

August 27, 1965

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP4/JS/JS

**PROPOSED RALLY OF NATIONAL  
KU KLUX KLAN ORGANIZATIONS AT  
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1965**

On August 26, 1965, a confidential source who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that on August 21, 1965, at a province meeting of the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK), Realm of Louisiana, at Winnsboro, Louisiana, an announcement was made by [redacted] that a rally of all National Klan Organizations would be held at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on September 4, 1965

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Attached as an appendix to this memorandum is a characterization of the OKKKK.

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A P P E N D I X

ORIGINAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
(LOUISIANA)  
(OKKKK)

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A source advised on October 25, 1963, that in December, 1960, a group was organized at Shreveport, Louisiana, known as the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (OKKKK). The purpose of this organization was to promote Americanism, white supremacy, and the maintaining of segregation.

This source further advised on October 25, 1963, that the OKKKK continues to be active and that the aims and purposes continue to be the same.

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 URGENT 8-31-65 5:08 PM  
 TO DIRECTOR  
 INFO ATLANTA  
 FROM TAMPA 312027

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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 DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8UTJ/fab

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM-KLAN

RETPRAD AUGUST 30 LAST.

[ ] INDICATED THIS DATE AVAILABILITY FOR ATTENDANCE  
 KKK RALLY, STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 4 NEXT.

AS INDICATED RERAD, ATLANTA HAS ADVISED RALLY TO BE  
 LARGE AND RECOMMENDED ATTENDANCE [ ] FOR ADDITIONAL  
 COVERAGE, FLORIDA DELEGATION, AND FOR ENHANCING HIS STATURE  
 AMONG FELLOW KLANSMEN.

BUREAU REQUESTED AUTHORIZE [ ] FOR SERVICES AND UP TO  
 [ ] FOR EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED, IF AUTHORIZATION GIVEN  
 FOR TRIP TO ATLANTA BY [ ]

AS PER RERAD, IF ATLANTA DOES NOT RECOMMEND, ADVISE  
 TAMPA PRIOR SEPTEMBER 4 NEXT AND INFORMANT WILL NOT  
 ATTEND.

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 TO DIRECTOR AND ATLANTA  
 FROM TAMPA 302022

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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 DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-07/ELB

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RACIAL-MATTERS  
 KLAN.

REATAIRTEL AUGUST 20 LAST.

[REDACTED] ADVISED THIS DATE HE WILL PROBABLY BE IN  
 POSITION TO ATTEND KKK RALLY, STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,  
 SEPTEMBER 4 NEXT IF ATTENDANCE DESIRED BY BUREAU.

REAIRTEL ADVISES SAID RALLY WILL BE RATHER LARGE  
 AFFAIR AND ATLANTA RECOMMENDED TO BUREAU TAMPA SEND [REDACTED]  
 TO RALLY. TAMPA FEELS ATTENDANCE OF [REDACTED] WOULD BE  
 WORTH EXPENDITURE SINCE HE WILL BE IN DELEGATION FROM  
 PLANT CITY, FLORIDA, LARGEST UFKKK KLAVERN IN THE STATE,  
 AND CAN FURNISH COVERAGE THIS GROUP.

BUREAU REQUESTED AUTHORIZE [REDACTED] FOR SERVICES AND [REDACTED]  
FOR EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED IF AUTHORIZATION GIVEN FOR  
[REDACTED] MAKE THIS TRIP.

IF ATLANTA DOES NOT RECOMMEND, ADVISE TAMPA PRIOR  
 TO SEPTEMBER 4 NEXT AND INFORMANT WILL NOT ATTEND.  
 ADVISE.

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Date: 8/26/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (105-65374)

FROM: SAC, KNOXVILLE (100-3301) (P)

DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 RJF/et

Re Knoxville teletype to Bureau and Birmingham 8/26/65.  
Knoxville airtel to Bureau 8/25/65.

Submitted herewith to the Bureau are 10 copies of a letterhead memorandum, Knoxville, captioned matter, dated 8/26/65. One copy is being submitted for each of Bureau files 157-168 and 157-370. Four copies of letterhead memorandum are being submitted to Atlanta and Birmingham.

Dissemination has been made locally to intelligence agencies.

- 5 - Bureau (3 - 105-65374) (Enc. -8) (RM)
  - (1 - 157-168) (Enc. -1)
  - (1 - 157-370) (Enc. -1)
- 4 - Atlanta (2 - 105-773) (Enc. -2) (RM)
  - (1 - 157-193) (Enc. -1)
  - (1 - 157-60) (Enc. -1)
- 4 - Birmingham (2 - 105-540) (Enc. -2) (RM)
  - (1 - 105-469) (Enc. -1)
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- 5 - Knoxville (2 - 100-3301)
  - (1 - 157-314)
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Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

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INFORMANTS

LEADS

ATLANTA DIVISION

AT DALTON, GEORGIA:

Contact racial informants for information re Fort Payne, Alabama, demonstration, and identity of demonstration, Anniston, Alabama, 9/4/65.

BIRMINGHAM DIVISION

AT FORT PAYNE AND ANNISTON, ALABAMA:

Arrange appropriate coverage of demonstration at Fort Payne, Alabama, 8/27/65, and Anniston, Alabama, 9/4-5/65. Determine sponsoring organizations.

KNOXVILLE DIVISION

Will follow and report additional information.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Knoxville, Tennessee

August 26, 1965

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JG/col

**DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RACIAL MATTERS**

Reference is made to Knoxville letterhead memorandum, captioned matter, dated August 25, 1965.

Confidential [ ] Informant [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, and Confidential [ ] Informant [ ] who has not been contacted sufficiently to determine reliability, previously reported the Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (DK, KKKK, Inc.), plan to sponsor a public cross burning demonstration and a public speaking demonstration at Fort Payne, Alabama, but no date has been set for this demonstration. [ ] previously reported DK, KKKK, Inc., is to sponsor meeting and public demonstration, Anniston, Alabama, September 4-5, 1965.

Confidential [ ] Informant [ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on August 26, 1965, reported that [ ] DK, KKKK, Inc., stated a public cross burning and public speaking demonstration is to be held at Fort Payne, Alabama, on the night of August 27, 1965. [ ] not sure if this demonstration is to be sponsored by the DK, KKKK, Inc., or the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (UKA, Inc., KKKK), but the demonstration is supposed to be sponsored by the local klan klavern at Fort Payne, Alabama. The DK, KKKK, Inc., members have been invited and [ ] and others plan to attend. The purpose of this demonstration is to create interest.

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**DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.**

[ ] stated [ ] advised members of the DK, KKKK, Inc., that public cross burning and public speaking demonstrations are to be held on the night of September 4, 1965, at Stone Mountain, Georgia, and Anniston, Alabama. The reported Stone Mountain demonstration is to be sponsored by JAMES R. VENABLE of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., and DK, KKKK, Inc., members have been invited to attend. He stated a public demonstration is to be held at Anniston, Alabama, September 4, 1965, but he did not name the sponsoring organization. Informant was of the impression that the Anniston, Alabama demonstration is to be sponsored by the UKA, Inc., KKKK. [ ] stated DK, KKKK, Inc., members have been invited to both demonstrations and [ ] did not encourage members to attend one of the above demonstrations in preference to the other.

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**DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(TENNESSEE)**

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Confidential Sources advised it was announced at a meeting of Klavern #1, U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., at Chattanooga, Tennessee, on September 17, 1957, that some former leaders of Klavern #1 and their close associates had been banished from U. S. Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., during the preceding week.

Sources advised those individuals who were banished formed a new klan organization known as Dixie Klans, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (DK, KKKK, Inc.), with headquarters in Masonic Hall, 2523 Glass Street, East Chattanooga, Tennessee. A general welfare charter was secured from the State of Tennessee on October 21, 1957, which charter lists some of the purposes of the organization as freedom of speech and association, rejection of forced integration, preservation of the Constitutions of the United States and of Tennessee, and preservation of the sovereignty of each state.

In July, 1965, sources stated that the DK, KKKK, Inc., has one active klavern in Tennessee and one active klavern in Georgia. He stated there are no other klaverns of this organization in any other states although attempts have been made in the past to organize klaverns in other states.

A Confidential Source advised during the Fall of 1960 that a "den" of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, consisting of [redacted] including [redacted]

[redacted] of DK, KKKK, Inc., [redacted] who was then [redacted] of Klavern #1, Chattanooga, Tennessee (the local chapter president), and others, all listed as members of Klavern #1, DK, KKKK, Inc., Chattanooga, Tennessee, during July, August, and September, 1960, were reportedly responsible for five bombings of residences of Hamilton County, Tennessee, during July and August, 1960. Some of these members and alternates of den held closed meetings and discussed bombings and

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other acts of violence. These meetings were reportedly closed and rank and file members of this organization unaware of such. All reported members and alternates of den interviewed during another investigation, denied knowledge of bombings or acts of violence, denied knowledge of "den" of DK, KKKK, Inc., and majority admitted membership of DK, KKKK, Inc.

Sources have reported as late as July, 1965, that for the past three and one-half years or more none of the DK, KKKK, Inc., members or leaders, including [redacted] have discussed any acts of violence. In fact, during this period 1962-1963, Negroes have demonstrated at Chattanooga, Tennessee, seeking integration of public and municipal facilities. In addition to these demonstrations, some of the public schools, Chattanooga, Tennessee, and Hamilton County, Tennessee, were integrated during the Fall of 1962 and the Fall of 1963. A majority of the schools through the sixth grade have now been integrated and the remaining are being integrated according to Federal Court Order. During these demonstrations and the integration of these schools, [redacted] and other DK, KKKK, Inc., leaders at closed meetings of this organization, and on an individual basis, have instructed members of this organization to stay away from areas of demonstrations by Negroes and schools where integration was occurring, not to participate in any demonstrations or attempt to interfere with any Negro demonstrations, violence or advocate any acts of violence or become engaged in any arguments over above matters.

From October, 1960, to July, 1965, no acts of violence have occurred at Chattanooga and vicinity. During this period, DK, KKKK, Inc., has continued to operate as an active organization and during the same period all municipal facilities, Chattanooga, have been integrated, the majority of public facilities, including theatres, restaurants, motels, hotels, and other facilities have been integrated, plus integration of schools beginning in the Fall of 1962 to present and continuing on court-approved plan. All have been accepted peacefully with no demonstrations or acts of violence or discussion of acts of violence by DK, KKKK, Inc., members.

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**DIXIE KLANS, KNIGHTS OF  
THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.**

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC TAMPA REC-68

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN).

REURADS AUGUST THIRTY AND THIRTY-ONE, LAST.

AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FOR

TO ATTEND MEETING OF CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, FOR THE PURPOSE STATED IN REURADS.

MAY BE REIMBURSED FOR SERVICES UP TO

ON A C.O.D. BASIS AND UP TO FOR

EXPENSES ACTUALLY INCURRED. MAY BE REIMBURSED

UP TO FOR SERVICES ON A C.O.D. BASIS AND UP

TO FOR ACTUAL EXPENSES INCURRED. OBTAIN

ITEMIZED EXPENSE ACCOUNT FROM INFORMANTS AND FURNISH INFORMATION

RECEIVED FROM THEM CONCERNING THE ABOVE RALLY IN FORM SUITABLE

FOR DISSEMINATION. COPY AIRMAILED TO ATLANTA.

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Radiogram to SAC, Tampa  
Re: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

NOTE:

There is to be a rally of Klan organizations at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on date indicated. Tampa recommended the above three informants attend this rally. [redacted] will be in the delegation from Plant City, Florida, the largest United Florida Ku Klux Klan Klavern in the state. [redacted] is also a member of the Plant City Klavern and can be used to corroborate the information furnished by [redacted] of another klavern of the United Florida Ku Klux Klan; therefore, because of his position he should attend this rally. If next radio contact missed, send urgent coded teletype.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO SAC NEW ORLEANS REC-68

FROM DIRECTOR FBI

157/168-428

NATIONAL KLAN LEADERS MEETING STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,  
RACIAL MATTERS.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-5 RUT/pt

REURTEL SEPTEMBER TWO, LAST.

AUTHORITY IS GRANTED FOR [REDACTED] (PROB)

TO ATTEND KLAN MEETING AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, WEEKEND  
OF SEPTEMBER FOUR, NEXT. COPY AIRMAILED ATLANTA.

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NOTE:

New Orleans requested authority for informant to attend this meeting. This is a meeting of national Klan leaders, and New Orleans states that the informant will be able to report on the activities of the individuals from Louisiana in attendance, and it will enhance his position of leadership in his own organization by attending. Informant did not ask for expense money to attend the meeting; therefore, New Orleans states expenses will not be offered to him for this trip. Informant [REDACTED] the Klan Bureau of Investigation for the Original Knights of the Ku Klux Klan in the State of Louisiana. If next radio contact missed, send urgent coded teletype.

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VIA RADIOGRAM

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5:54 PM CST URGENT 9-2-65 OLP  
TO DIRECTOR  
FROM NEW ORLEANS 022251

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 aj/pat

NATIONAL KLAN LEADERS MEETING, STONE MOUNTAIN GEORGIA

[REDACTED] (PROB) ADVISED THAT HE IS MAKING PLANS TO  
ATTEND A NATIONAL KLAN LEADERS MEETING AT STONE MOUNTAIN  
GEORGIA, WEEK-END OF SEPTEMBER 4, 1965. INFORMANT ADVISES  
THAT HE FEELS [REDACTED]  
BY MAKING AN APPEARANCE AT THE MEETING AND [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

IN ADDITION INFORMANT WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT ON THOSE  
FROM LOUISIANA IN ATTENDANCE AND WILL BE ABLE TO REPORT ON  
DEVELOPMENTS AT MEETING AFFECTING LOUISIANA.

INFORMANT HAS NOT ASKED FOR EXPENSE MONEY TO ATTEND  
THE MEETING AND EXPENSES WILL NOT BE OFFERED TO HIM FOR  
THIS TRIP.

BUREAU REQUESTED TO APPROVE TRAVEL OF INFORMANT TO  
GEORGIA FOR PURPOSE OF ATTENDING THE MEETING.

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Date: 9/2/65

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-193)(P)PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AT  
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 4, 1965  
RM (KLAN)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8uj/et

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight copies and for Atlanta and Savannah two copies each of LHM concerning above public meeting. One of Savannah's copies is intended for information in ASCK in which Savannah is 00.

[redacted] who exhibited to SAs [redacted]  
[redacted] a letter from the Grand  
Dragon of ASCK.

This informant stated he is not intending to go to this rally and the only person he knows of who is **B. APPROX.** intending to go is [redacted] approximately [redacted] years old, who lives near Lancaster, S. C.

[redacted] formerly was a member of ASCK and is now considered to be a member of United Klans of America, Inc., but as Atlanta has previously advised, [redacted] claims to be friendly with JAMES VENABLE, head of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] stated that a day or

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5 - Charlotte (2 - 157-193) (1 - 105-469)  
          [redacted] (1 - 157-157)

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two prior to receipt of the above letter from the headquarters of ASCK, [redacted] had stated this rally was to be held at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on 9/4/65 and said that JAMES VENABLE had telephoned [redacted] and invited him to come. [redacted] is planning to go but it is not known whether anyone will go with him. Informant continued that [redacted] now has a new 1966 Simca automobile, blue in color, license number unknown.

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Charlotte is not making local dissemination of the information about the rally and it is recommended that Atlanta notify Secret Service and intelligence agencies as well as local authorities if not already done.





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
September 2, 1965

RE: PUBLIC MEETING OF THE  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AT  
STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1965  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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On September 1, 1965, [ ] advised that the Grand Dragon of the Association of South Carolina Klans had sent a letter dated August 29, 1965, to all Klaverns of that organization which stated that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will hold a public speaking and cross burning near Atlanta at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on September 4, 1965. The letter continued that all Klanspeople, their families and other patriotic white people are invited to attend this rally.

The letter further stated that there will be a place provided to park house trailers for those who bring them. It further stated that reservations for motels and hotels would be made for persons desiring them and such persons could write to Box 107, Tucker, Georgia, or telephone 938-5921, area code 404, for reservations.

Characterizations of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and the Association of South Carolina Klans are attached as an appendix to this memorandum.

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ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH CAROLINA KLAN  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (ASCK)

A source advised on September 24, 1956, that the Association of South Carolina Klans (ASCK) was organized in the fall of 1955 and is patterned after the Association of Carolina Klans (ACK). This source said ASCK is a new organization and not a rebirth of ACK, although all high-ranking officials of ASCK had been members of ACK. The source stated announced purposes of this organization are to promote white supremacy and combat integration of the races; however the use of violence is disavowed.

[redacted] source advised on September 2, 1950, that ACK was composed of groups formerly members of the Association of Georgia Klans (AGK) and although ACK severed all connections with AGK on November 14, 1949, the ideals, purposes and policies of the two organizations remained identical. ACK became defunct after conviction and imprisonment of its highest official and other members in 1952.

[redacted] source said on September 16, 1962, that ASCK, using the name Majority Citizens League of South Carolina, published a monthly newspaper, "Southland Standard," from August through December, 1961, and dropped it due to lack of financial support.

[redacted] source advised on August 17, 1964, that ASCK continues to operate for the purpose of promoting white supremacy and combating integration by peaceful means by public speaking and propaganda.

AGK has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Charlotte, North Carolina  
September 2, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Title	PUBLIC MEETING OF THE NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 4, 1965
Character	RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)
Reference	Memorandum dated September 2, 1965, at Charlotte, North Carolina, captioned as above.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
aka Association of Klans in America,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a letterhead memorandum (LHM) suitable for dissemination. One copy of the LHM is enclosed herewith for the information of offices receiving copies of this airtel.

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- 1 - Birmingham (105-469) (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Charlotte (157-193) (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Cincinnati (157-252) (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Cleveland (RM) (Enc. 1)
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  - 1 - Houston (RM) (Enc. 1)
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  - 1 - Kansas City (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Knoxville (157-117) (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Louisville (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Miami (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Mobile (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - New Orleans (157-188) (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Savannah (157-210) (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - Tampa (157-72) (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - San Antonio (RM) (Enc. 1)
  - 1 - St. Louis (RM) (Enc. 1)
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AT 157-60

Informants furnishing the information in the LHM are [redacted] who was contacted on September 6, 1965, by SA [redacted] who was contacted on September 6, 1965, by SA [redacted]

For the further information of St. Louis, [redacted] advised that captioned organization plans to hold a public rally in St. Louis, Missouri, on the weekend of September 18, 1965. Informant could furnish no further details.

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JACKSONVILLE AT TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

[redacted] observed an automobile bearing 1965 Florida license [redacted] at the rally described in LHM. Jacksonville is requested to determine ownership and advise the proper Florida office if the individual does not reside in the Jacksonville Division.

SAN ANTONIO AT AUSTIN, TEXAS

[redacted] observed an automobile bearing 1965 Texas license [redacted] at the rally described in the enclosed LHM. San Antonio is requested to determine ownership of this automobile and advise the appropriate Texas office.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Atlanta, Georgia  
September 7, 1965

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JLB

**100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE  
FOUNDING OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AT STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1965,  
SPONSORED BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, ALSO KNOWN AS ASSOCIATION  
OF KLANS IN AMERICA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN**

The following is a summary of information furnished  
by confidential informants [redacted] on September 6,  
1965:

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National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., also known as Association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, sponsored a 100th Anniversary Celebration of the founding of the Ku Klux Klan in a cow pasture owned by James R. Venable at Stone Mountain, Georgia, on the evening of September 4, 1965. There were approximately 1,000 people present at this celebration and a large cross, about forty feet tall, was burned. During the burning of the cross, approximately 200 robed Klansmen and Klanswomen marched around the cross while the public address system played the song, "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning." It was announced that representatives from fourteen states were present at the celebration. Some of the state represented were Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Alabama, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Texas, Florida and Georgia.

The main speaker and master of ceremonies was James R. Venable, Chairman of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. Venable stated that despite efforts by President Lyndon B. Johnson to destroy the Klan, that the Klan would survive, grow and again become a power in American politics. He said the Klan was present yesterday,

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100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE  
FOUNDING OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AT STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1965

today and would be here tomorrow. He attacked President Johnson's "Great Society", and said that the President's program will lead to Socialism and eventually to Communism. He talked about the Immigration Bill presently before Congress and said this bill, if passed by Congress, would open the door for the immigration of millions of Russians, Chinese, Negroes and other Asiatics. Venable said that the Klan will go underground if necessary to do so in order to continue operations.

The next speaker was [redacted] who read a long history of the Klan. He also talked about racial demonstrations in the South and racial riots in Los Angeles, California. He said these demonstrations and riots were Communist inspired and had been encouraged by the attitude of the present administration.

Another speaker was Dr. Lewis Fowler, an 85-year-old man, who claimed that he assisted Colonel William Joseph Simmons in the rebirth of the Klan in 1915. Dr. Fowler said that he made the first speech atop Stone Mountain at the time of the first Klan rally there in 1916.

Others who made short speeches were [redacted]  
[redacted]

Applications for membership in the Klan were passed out and a few persons were observed to fill out the applications and turn them in.

The following are some of the items of literature passed out at the celebration:

A small card reading, "Support Communism -  
Save America From the Klan", signed "LBJ"  
and [redacted]



100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE  
FOUNDING OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AT STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA, ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1965

A leaflet entitled, "The ~~Comm~~unists Plan to  
Attack the USA This Summer," issued by  
Defenders of the American Constitution, Inc.,  
at Ormond Beach, Florida.

A poem entitled, "The ~~Sad~~dest Story Ever  
Told - When a white girl has a black baby,"  
issued by ~~Amer~~ican Digest, Post Office Box  
15221, Tampa 14, Florida.

The celebration was covered by news media and a  
team from Columbia Broadcasting System (CBS) filmed the  
burning of the cross and part of the speeches. It was  
learned that this film will be used in a documentary film  
on the Klan, which will be shown over the CBS network on  
September 21, 1965.

Although several Klansmen wore guns openly at the  
celebration, there were no incidents of violence and no  
arrests were made.

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**FD-323**

**Atlanta, Georgia  
September 7, 1965**

<b>Title</b>	<b>NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., also known as Association of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan</b>
<b>Character</b>	<b>RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)</b>
<b>Reference</b>	<b>Letterhead memorandum at Atlanta, Georgia, dated and captioned as above.</b>

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AIRMAIL

Via \_\_\_\_\_  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. -  
ATLANTA DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8/uz/fak

Re Atlanta airtel to Director dated 8/26/65.

On 8/27/65, [ ] furnished a list containing names and addresses of individuals who have been initiated into the Knights of the KKK during the past month. Each of these individuals according to [ ] have already paid their \$15 dues and are bona fide members of the Klan.

Enclosed for Atlanta and Cleveland is one copy each of this list. It appears that many of the names and addresses appearing on enclosed list are identical to names and addresses furnished on the two lists which Atlanta submitted to the Cincinnati and Cleveland Offices in above-referenced airtel.

Since informant has specifically stated that the list furnished by him are initiated Klan members, the Cincinnati Office will open new cases on each individual residing within the Cincinnati Division and conduct appropriate background investigation concerning each person contained on this list.

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It is suggested that the Cleveland Office consider opening new cases concerning the individuals appearing on this list who reside within the Cincinnati Division.

For information of Bureau, [ ] was previously carried as JAMES HARRIS, Racial Informant (Probationary).

However, a letter has been submitted to the Bureau designating [ ] as a symbol number racial informant.

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To: SAC, Cincinnati (157-245)

From: Director, FBI (157-168) - 431

KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
ATLANTA DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-8 JGJ/68

ReCincinnati airtel dated 9/2/65.

Cincinnati Office should promptly submit a list of individuals initiated into captioned organization during the past month for indexing at the Bureau.

Your attention is called to Manual of Instructions, Section 122A, page 2, paragraph h, which sets forth criteria for opening of individual cases relative to Klan members. Individuals investigated should be those key personnel who have the propensity for violence and who actually formulate and carry out the organization's policies and not those individuals who merely attend meetings on a regular basis. You should, of course, follow, through sources and informants, the activities of individuals on whom individual cases are not opened, to insure that cases are promptly opened if information is received that they meet the criteria for such investigations.

1 - Atlanta (157-60)  
1 - Cleveland

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NOTE:

Cincinnati Office advised informant furnished list of names and addresses of individuals initiated into captioned organization during past month. No copies submitted to Bureau which should be obtained for indexing purposes. Referenced Manual of Instructions citation sets forth criteria for opening of cases on individuals and does not include mere members who are not leaders or active workers. Cincinnati had indicated individual investigations being opened on each new member merely because information received the dues had been paid.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 9-9-65

FROM : SAC, Memphis (157-650) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8BJJ/sak

There are enclosed herewith eight copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information concerning above-captioned subject matter in regard to Pulaski, Tennessee. Two copies of LHM are being furnished to Atlanta Division and one copy of LHM being furnished to following: U.S. Secret Service, Nashville, Tennessee, 111th INTC Group, Region 1, Nashville, ONI, 6th Naval District, Charleston, S.C., G-2, Third Army, Fort McPherson, Ga., OSI, 8th District, Maxwell AFB, Ala. Interview of Mayor STACEY GARNER was by SA [redacted]

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## LEAD

### THE ATLANTA DIVISION

#### AT ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Will advise Memphis of any information received indicating the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan plans to march in Pulaski.

### THE MEMPHIS DIVISION

#### AT PULASKI, TENNESSEE

Will maintain contact with Mayor STACEY GARNER and Chief of Police for any information indicating the KKK may march in Pulaski.

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2- Atlanta (encl.-2)  
2- Memphis  
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HOW FORW: [redacted]

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

MEMPHIS, TENNESSEE  
September 9, 1965

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8/tyj/pat

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN;  
RACIAL MATTERS

An article appearing in The Daily Herald, Columbia, Tennessee, dated September 7, 1965, reflects that James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKK), said at a meeting of the Klan at Stone Mountain, Georgia, recently, "It was in Pulaski on the eve of the birth of Christ that the Ku Klux Klan was born on Dec. 24, 1865." Venable further said that he was passing the word among members of the Klan to meet in Pulaski so that the nation would know where "this great organization was founded. We mean to march through Pulaski in a great pilgrimage to commemorate the founding of the Ku Klux Klan."

The article further reflects that Mayor Stacey Garner said that the KKK had not contacted him about a pilgrimage to Pulaski that the Klan is planning in order to celebrate the founding of the order. The article further reflects that Mayor Garner said, "Naturally we would prefer that they didn't have it; but if they do, I guess we'll let them." He further said that if the Klan planned to have a march, the organization would have to get permission from the city and that if it were a peaceful thing they were planning, the city would give them an escort.

On September 8, 1965, Mayor Stacey A. Garner, Pulaski, Tennessee, advised that on Sunday, September 5, 1965, in the evening some woman called him to advise that she had heard on television Channel 5, WLAC, Nashville, Tennessee, in the 10:00 p.m. news broadcast that a KKK official had announced plans to march

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN

in Pulaski in order to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the KKK, which was founded in Pulaski on December 24, 1865. Mr. Garner stated that he has no details regarding any plans of the KKK to march in Pulaski and only knows what he was informed by the caller on the night of September 5, 1965. He stated he has not been contacted by anyone regarding a march in Pulaski by the KKK. He stated further that he knows of no persons who are members of the KKK either in Pulaski or in Giles County, Tennessee.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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Re CV letter to Bureau dated 8/23/65 and Bureau Form 0-1 dated 9/2/65.

                     Racial Informant-Probationary, orally advised this date that the NKKKK Rally held Labor Day weekend at Stone Mountain, Ga., he was                      a NKKKK initiation meeting on or about                      site at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, where NKKKK Rally of 8/21-22/65 was held and initiation will be for those individuals who applied for Klan membership those dates.

In the event                     

Cleveland will keep abreast of all developments pertaining to next NKKKK meeting.

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1 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Info) (RM)  
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Via AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

(Priority)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
ATLANTA DIVISION  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)Deleted Copy Sent  
by Letter 8/4/75

ReBuairtel dated 9/9/65. Per FOIA Request

Enclosed herewith is one copy of list of individuals initiated into captioned organization during the past month, per Bureau instructions.

Cincinnati will follow criteria set out under Manual of Instructions, Section 122A, page 2, paragraph h, regarding opening individual cases relative to Klan members.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168).

FROM: SAC, TAMPA (157-72)(P)

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE  
FOUNDING OF THE KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX  
KLAN AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GA., ON 9/4/65,  
SPONSORED BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., ALSO KNOWN AS  
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA, KNIGHTS  
OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RM (KLAN)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 HJ/bak

ReBuraad to TP, 9/1/65, and ATairtel to Director, 9/7/65,  
and LHM of same date enclosed therewith.

Enclosed for the Bureau and designated offices are  
appropriate copies of LHM, suitable for dissemination.

Informant copies of enclosed LHM are designated for  
JK and MM Offices due to their interest in activities of the UFKKK.

Sources who furnished information set forth in enclosed  
LHM are identified as \_\_\_\_\_

- ENCLOSURE
- ③ - Bureau (Encs. 3)(RM)
  - 2 - Atlanta (157-60)(Encs. 2)(RM)
  - 1 - Jacksonville (157-39)(Info)(Enc. 1)(RM)
  - 1 - Miami (Info)(Enc. 1)(RM)
  - 3 - Tampa (1 - 157-309)

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AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER  
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Tampa, Florida

September 8, 1965

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8/STJ/STJ

100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF  
THE FOUNDING OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA ON  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1965, SPONSORED BY  
NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
INC., ALSO KNOWN AS ASSOCIATION OF  
KLANS IN AMERICA, KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN

Reference is made to memorandum submitted by the  
Atlanta, Georgia office under above caption on September 7,  
1965.

A characterization of the National  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.,  
is attached hereto.

Sources, who have furnished reliable information  
in the past, have advised that approximately 30 members of  
the United Florida Ku Klux Klan (UFKKK) from the Central  
Florida area (most of them from the Tampa-Plant City, Florida  
area), several accompanied by their wives, traveled to the  
Atlanta, Georgia area and attended the above-described klan  
celebration, held in a pasture at the foot of Stone Mountain  
on the outskirts of Atlanta, on the evening of September 4,  
1965. Most of the above-mentioned UFKKK members were said  
to have been among the robed klansmen and klanswomen who  
marched during the affair.

A characterization of the UFKKK is  
attached hereto.

Sources said there were several speakers at the  
rally; however, the principal speaker and master of cere-  
monies was JAMES R. VENABLE, chairman of the National Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE  
FOUNDING OF THE KU KLUX KLAN AT STONE  
MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1965,  
SPONSORED BY NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., ALSO KNOWN AS ASSOCIA-  
TION OF KLANS IN AMERICA, KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN

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VENABLE and the other speakers touched on the history, purposes and principles of the klan, according to sources, and condemned the "Jews", "niggers" and communists as enemies of the white man and of free America. President LYNDON B. JOHNSON, Vice-President HUBERT HUMPHREY and FBI Director JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, along with officials of the State Department, were criticized for their stand on civil rights' issues, and klansmen were told that they should work to have such persons removed from office. The klan's views on foreign affairs, immigration matters and other national issues were also mentioned, according to sources.

New klan members were recruited and some were observed to execute applications for membership.

Florida klansmen were generally disappointed with the speeches and with attendance at the rally. Sources said many people left before the speeches were concluded and one spectator was heard to remark that the speakers were no more enlightening than articles appearing in the newspapers every day.

Sources neither heard of nor observed any incidents of violence at the celebration, although it was said that many of the Florida klansmen carried guns in their cars and under their robes.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, SAVANNAH (157-210)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM (KLAN)

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Enclosed herewith to the Bureau are eight copies, two copies each for all offices excepting Jackson and Tampa which are designated one copy each of letterhead memorandum.

The confidential source mentioned therein is [redacted] who furnished this information to SA [redacted] on 9/7/65. He was on duty directing traffic during the public rally and the information, therefore, is limited concerning this rally.

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- 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Charlotte (157-193) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Encs. 2) (RM)
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- 2 - Jacksonville (157-117) (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 2 - New Orleans (157-188) (Encs. 2) (RM)
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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Savannah, Georgia  
September 8, 1965

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**NATIONAL MEETING OF NATIONAL  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
INC., AT STONE MOUNTAIN,  
GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 4, 1965,  
TUCKER, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 5, 1965**

On September 7, 1965, a confidential source advised that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, a characterization of which is attached hereto, held a National Klan Day rally in the cow pasture owned by James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard, at Stone Mountain, Georgia, beginning about 7:45 PM, on September 4, 1965.

James R. Venable was moderator and spoke only briefly to introduce the speakers. [redacted] Buchanan, Georgia, was one of the speakers and he spoke on how the Klan was growing and why every white person should join. He was also critical of the federal government.

There was one unidentified speaker from Ohio and another from Florida.

[redacted] Bloomingdale, Georgia, spoke very briefly and said "Us Maddoxs would rather fight than mix".

Walter Bailey of Biloxi, Mississippi, got up and made a short talk in which he really "cussed" the Negroes, the catholics and the Jews.

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AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1965,  
TUCKER, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 5, 1965**

There were an estimated 3500 people at the rally, including about 100 Klansmen in robes. It is estimated that more than 600 cars were in the parking lot.

People started leaving the rally shortly after it started but there were still about 200 people present at 11:30 PM, and the rally was still going on.

Signs on the road leading to the site of the rally proclaimed this was the 100th anniversary of the birth of the Klan.

A collection was taken up at the rally and the money was kept by James R. Venable. Venable said the collection amounted to only about \$50 and that would take care of expense of the breakfast on Sunday morning for the delegates and guests at the national meeting.

The national meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was held in the Carl Garmon Building, Tucker, Georgia, on September 5, 1965 and started at 10:02 AM, after breakfast was served in the hall. There were a large number of guests and non-delegates, so the delegates retired to the office of James R. Venable in the same building to hold their national meeting.

The following individuals were present as delegates to the national meeting:

**National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan**

James R. Venable,  
Atlanta, Georgia  
Imperial Wizard





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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,  
AT STONE MOUNTAIN, GEORGIA,  
SEPTEMBER 4, 1965,  
TUCKER, GEORGIA, SEPTEMBER 5, 1965



ARK-LA-TEX Klan



Association of South Carolina Klans



Association of Georgia Klans



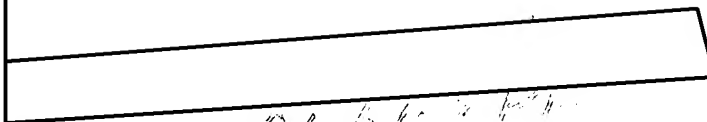
Member United Florida Ku Klux Klan



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KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,  
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The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

[redacted] asked that each member organization pay its dues because there was only \$204.16 in the treasury. He said the expenses of the National Klan Day rally were \$341.40. \$140.00 was collected at this meeting. After a total of \$341.40 was paid to James R. Venable for expenses of the National Klay Day rally, the balance left in the treasury was \$2.76.

Venable said he had talked to [redacted] of United Klans of America, Inc., a characterization of which is attached hereto, and [redacted] had indicated he has no interest in associating his group with the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. Venable said there is just no hope at the present for the two groups to get together as [redacted] wants to run things [redacted] way.

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Venable asked each delegate present to give his opinion as to what people generally thought about the grown of the Klan and whether or not the Klan is actually doing any good.

[redacted] said he felt that rallies lasting more than one and one-half hours were boring and tiresome and hurt the Klans.

[redacted] of Louisiana started a discussion concerning the benefits of having all Klan organizations under one head. He indicated he knew a man under whom he believed all Klan groups would be willing to unite. He did not identify this man at the time but did at a later time mention the name of General Edwin Walker (retired). [redacted] said they had as many as six Grand Dragons in the State of Louisiana and tried



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to unite them under one head but could not do so.

A motion was made by [ ] that this question of uniting under one man be taken back by the delegates to their individual Klan organizations to discuss and to agree upon someone they would be willing to serve as the head of all Klans in the United States. The delegates would then come back in the not too distant future and vote on the individual they would like to lead all the Klans.

A motion was made and passed that Klan members and friends be urged to write to their Congressmen to tell them the Klan is opposed to Bill No. 25-A relating to immigration.

[ ] said he would like to have a rally in Cornet (?) County, Texas, where "Lady Bird" Johnson is from, on October 23, 1965, which he said is the date that President Johnson is starting an investigation of the Klans in that part of Texas. He wants it to be a nationwide rally with all Klans represented. The meeting adjourned at 12:50 PM with a prayer

The meeting was followed by an initiation and ceremony for new members in the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the individual Klan not to be confused with the national organization.

Walter Bailey of the Mississippi Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Biloxi, Mississippi, and Walter Rogers and family, Tallahassee, Florida, United Florida Ku Klux Klan, were present at the breakfast but not at the national meeting.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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DATE 8-27-88 BY SP8/ty/fat

Re CV airtel to Bureau dated 9/8/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies of a LHM.

Two copies of the LHM have been designated for the local office of the U.S. Secret Service and the local offices of G-2, ONI, OSI and USA are being furnished one copy each of the LHM in view of their interest in this matter.

The Atlanta and Cincinnati Offices are being furnished appropriate copies of the LHM for their files.

A Confidential Source, mentioned in the LHM, is

[redacted] Racial Informant - Probationary, and  
[redacted] Confidential Source, mentioned in the LHM, is  
[redacted] Racial Informant - Probationary.

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The LHM is being classified ~~confidential~~ since info attributed to these two sources could reasonably result in the identification of individuals presently being developed as informants in the racial field and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

The Cleveland Office is effecting coverage of instant NKKKK rally and initiation through the Medina County Sheriff's Office as well as informants and the situation will be closely followed.

The Atlanta and Cincinnati Offices are requested to sutel any info bearing on instant NKKKK rally and initiation.





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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Cleveland, Ohio

September 15, 1965

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ON *8-22-88*

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

NKKKK Rally September 18, 1965, and  
NKKKK Initiation September 19, 1965,  
Near Lodi, Ohio

A Confidential Source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, on September 15, 1965, advised of the receipt of an undated letter from [redacted] Ohio Organizer of the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio, advising of a NKKKK rally to be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Saturday, September 18, 1965, at a farm located at U. S. Highway No. 224 and County Road No. 28, two and one-half miles West of Lodi, Ohio. This letter notes that "people" from Georgia will be attending; that there will be speakers at the burning of a firey cross. The letter continues that an initiation of new members into the NKKKK will be held at the same location at 10:00 AM, Sunday, September 19, 1965. This letter continues that the receiver should tell no one of the initiation and that the letter will serve as a pass to the initiation. Further that everyone will be assigned to a Klavern in the next couple of weeks.

[redacted] Confidential Source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, on September 15, 1965, confirmed the above information. He related that the NKKKK rally will not be as large as the last NKKKK rally held August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, inasmuch as the forthcoming rally was given very little newspaper publicity. This

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source advised that arrangements to lease this land near Lodi, Ohio, were made by [REDACTED] the farm, a [REDACTED]

This source noted that no violence is anticipated and there is no indication to date that anti-Klan groups will demonstrate against the rally. However, he did disclose that a .38 caliber pistol and a British rifle were previously brought into the [REDACTED] farm for "self protection" should any anti-Klan groups or individuals take direct action with arms against the Klan.

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Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, on September 15, 1965, advised he was cognizant of the NKKKK functions to be held near Lodi, Ohio, on September 18 and 19, 1965. He noted that his department has jurisdiction inasmuch as the property in question is in the county and further that he anticipates that his department will take the necessary action to prevent the possibility of any violence.

A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an appendix attached hereto.



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TO BUREAU 157-168

FROM CLEVELAND 100-10261

SEP 19 1965

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Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Casper	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. Felt	_____
Mr. Gale	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Sullivan	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
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NATIONAL NIGHTS OF KLUX INCORPORATED (NKKKK);. RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

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CAPTIONED ORGANIZATION COMMENCED THERE RALLY APROXIMATELY TEN AM

NINE EIGHTEEN SIXTY FIVE ON [REDACTED] INTERSECTION

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[REDACTED] HARRISVILLE

TOWNSHIP MEDINA COUNTY OHIO. MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF OFFICE AND OHIO  
STATE HIGHWAY PATROL MAINTAINED CONSTANT GUARD AT RALLY SITE THROUGH  
OUT WHOLE DAY. HIGHLIGHT OF RALLY STARTED SIX PM WITH SPEECHES  
BY VARIOUS KLAN MEMBERS. APROXIMATELY NINE FIFTEEN PM , THIRTY FOOT  
CROSS WAS IGNITED MARKING CLOSE OF DAYS MEETING

AT APROXIMATELY EIGHT PM GROUP OF THIRTY ONE COLLEGE AGE BOYS AND GIRLS  
BOTH WHITE AND NEGRO APPEARED AT RALLY SITE TO PROTEST KLAN'S PRESENTS  
IN OHIO. MEDINA COUNTY SHERIFF NORMAN STUART MADE PICKETTS STAY SOUTH  
OF ROUTE TWO TWO FOUR AND WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO PROCEED NORTH OF THIS  
ROAD TO THE RALLY AREA. PICKETTS REMAINED ON THE SCENE UNTIL CROSS WAS  
BURNED AND THEN DEPARTED. NO INCIDENTS OCCURED.

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INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANT THAT KLAN HAD  
TEN OR TWELVE REVOLVERS AT SCENE OF RALLY WAS IMMEDIATELY DISSEMINATED  
TO M.C.S.O. AND O.S.H.P. HOWEVER NO ARMS WERE DISPLAYED AT RALLY.

ATTENDANCE AT RALLY ESTIMATED TO BE APROXIMATELY TWO HUNDRED.

RALLY TO CONTINUE UNTIL SIX PM NINE NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE DURING

WHICH DAY KLAN WILL INITIATE NEW MEMBERS

CLEVELAND COVERAGE OF RALLY CONTINUING AND BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.  
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CORRECTIONS-----LINE SEVENTEEN LAST WORD SHD BE DISSEMINATED

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9-30 PM URGENT 9-19-65 JFW

TO DIRECTOR 157-168

FROM CLEVELAND 100-10261

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NATIONAL NIGHTS OF KLUX INCORPORATED ( NKKKK); . RACIAL MATTER-KLAN

RE CLEVELAND TEL TO DIRECTOR NINE EIGHTEEN SIXTY FIVE .

CAPTIONED ORGANIZATIONS RALLY CONTINUED INTO NINE NINETEEN SIXTY

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MEDINA COUNTY , OHIO. KLAN HELD TWO SEPERATE

INITIATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS; ONE IN MORNING AND OTHER IN EARLY AFTER-  
NOON. BOTH INITIATIONS HELD IN SECRET CEREMONY IN BUILDING

NO ESTIMATE AT THIS TIME AS TO NUMBER INITIATED.

TOTAL NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING SECOND DAY OF RALLY ESTIMATED  
APROXIMATLY ONE FIVE ZERO. DURING VERY EARLY MORNING HOURS, APROXIMATLY  
FOUR AM TEN COLLEGE AGE BOY'S AND GIRL'S APPEARED AT SCENE AND IDENTI-  
FIED THEMSELVES AS BEING FROM ASHLAND COLLEGE ASHLAND , OHIO.

DEPUTY SHERIFF ON DUTY AT TIME PREVENTED STUDENTS FROM ENTERING RALLY  
SITE SO THEY DEPARTED. NO OTHER PICKETTS APPEARED FOR REMAINDER OF  
DAY.

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DURING MORNING OF NINE NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE SHERIFF NORMAN STEWART

ENTERED RALLY AREA ARMED WITH SEARCH WARRANT AND LOCATED THIRTY.

TWO CALIBER AUTOMATIC REVOLVER AND TWENTY TWO CALIBER RIFLE IN CAR  
BELONGING TO COLUMBUS, OHIO. IN HOUSE TRAILER

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BELONGING TO [REDACTED] GROVER CITY , OHIO, SHEREFF STEWARD  
DISCOVERED ONE SHOTGUN AND ONE THIRTY EIGHT CALIBER SMITH AND WESSON  
PISTOL. DUE TO FACT GUN WERE NOT ON ANY PERSON THEY WERE NOT CONFIS-  
CATED AND NO ARRESTS MADE. JAMES VENABLE NATIONAL CHAIRMAN (NKKKK)  
TUCKER, GEORGIA AND [REDACTED] OREGONIA, OHIO BOTH OBJECTED TO  
STEWARDS SEARCH BUT DID NOT INTERFER.

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ALL KAN LEADERS DEPARTED RALLY AREA BY THREE PM NINE NINETEEN  
SIXTY FIVE. REMAINDER OF PARTICIPANTS ALL GONE BY FIVE PM.

DURING COURSE OF RALLY PARKIE SCOTT ANOUNCED KLAN MAY HOLD ONE  
RALLY PER WEEK THROUGH OUT STATE OF OHIO.

// LHM FOLLOWS.

CINCINNATI BEING ADVISED BY REGISTERED MAIL.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM *WJH* SAC, CINCINNATI (157-245) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN - ATLANTA DIVISION;  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN - GEORGIA  
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Re Atlanta airtel to Director, 9/10/65.

In view of information contained in instant communication advising that above Klan organizations are possibly two separate groups, the Cincinnati Office has opened a new 157 file titled "KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN - GEORGIA", and carries Cincinnati file #157-786. The original file re "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN - ATLANTA" will continue to be carried under Cincinnati file #157-245.

Above information being furnished so that future communications furnished Cincinnati can be designated to above respective files.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (Info) (RM)
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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC.  
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On 9/23/65, [redacted]  
WKBN Radio, Youngstown, Ohio, advised he had telephonically  
contacted [redacted] at Buchanan, Ga.,  
on the night of [redacted] at which time [redacted] advised he  
will hold a Klan rally at Columbus, Ohio, on the weekend of  
9/25-26/65. [redacted] added he will probably hold a Klan rally  
at Youngstown, Ohio, on either the weekend of 10/2 or 10/9/65.  
[redacted] stated he has three sites under consideration at  
Youngstown but as of now has no definite location or  
exact date for this rally.

The above information furnished the Atlanta  
and Cincinnati Offices for their information. No LHM  
is being submitted by Cleveland at this time inasmuch as  
no concrete information is available as to the exact date  
or location of the planned demonstration at Youngstown, Ohio.  
Upon receipt of more details regarding the Youngstown demonstration,  
LHM will be submitted to the Bureau.

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2 - Atlanta (RM) (157-60)  
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## Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168) DATE: 8/31/65

FROM : SAC, MOBILE (157-13) (P)

F. W. W. *9-7-65*  
ERROR LETTER SENTSUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC  
RM - KLANALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Re Atlanta letter to Director, 8/16/65.

Relet set forth eight 1965 Alabama license tags observed at a meeting of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at Centre, Ala., on 8/7/65.

On 8/25/65  Alabama Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, Montgomery, Ala., advised as follows concerning license tags observed at instant rally:

1965 TAG NUMBER	NAME	CAR	DATE OF ISSUANCE
		1957 Chevrolet 4-door. VIN <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	11/25/64
		1959 Oldsmobile 88 4-door VIN <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	10/28/65
		1964 Ford 2-door, VIN <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	11/6/64
		1962 Mercury 4-door. VIN <span style="border: 1px solid black; display: inline-block; width: 100px; height: 1.2em; vertical-align: middle;"></span>	11/7/64

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1965 TAG NUMBER	NAME	CAR	DATE OF ISSUANCE
		1960 Dodge 2-door. VIN [redacted]	11/12/64
		1953 Chevrolet 4-door. VIN [redacted]	11/14/65
		1963 Ford 2-door. VIN [redacted]	11/14/64

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With reference to 1965 Alabama tag [redacted]  
[redacted] advised that no such tag number has ever been  
issued in the State of Alabama insofar as the county prefix  
numbers run only to 70. She further advised that there  
is no automobile registration issued on the State of  
Alabama for tag number [redacted]



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TO DIRECTOR (157-168)

FROM LOUISVILLE (157-224)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK), RACIAL  
MATTERS (KLAN). OO: ATLANTA

RE LOUISVILLE AIRTEL AND LHM SEPTEMBER TWENTYTWO, LAST.

TODAY, THE AM EDITION OF THE CINCINNATI ENQUIRER,  
CINCINNATI, OHIO, CARRIED ARTICLE ADVISING THAT ON  
SEPTEMBER TWENTYTHREE, LAST, [REDACTED] OHIO KLAN KLEAGLE  
ORGANIZATION, IS GOING TO STAGE A RECRUITING RALLY ON  
SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE AND SEPTEMBER TWENTYSIX NEXT, AT THE  
"OLD SANDFORDTON BALL FIELD" LOCATED ONE MILE SOUTH OF  
COVINGTON, KENTUCKY. HE EXPECTS A CROWD OF BETWEEN FIVE  
HUNDRED AND TEN THOUSAND PEOPLE. A CROSS BURNING WILL BE  
HELD DURING THE RALLY ON SEPTEMBER TWENTYFIVE, NEXT.  
SCHEDULED SPEAKERS AT THE RALLY ARE JAMES R. VENABLE, GRAND  
WIZARD, AND [REDACTED] BOTH OF ATLANTA,  
END PAGE ONE

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. DeLoach \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Casper \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Callahan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Felt \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gale \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tavel \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR THE DIRECTOR



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TODAY [REDACTED] (PROTECT IDENTITY)

REFERRED TO IN REFERENCED AIRTEL, ADVISED THAT THE RALLY  
ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR THE HATTON FARM NEAR BURLINGTON,  
KENTUCKY, HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM THAT LOCATION BECAUSE OF  
THE OBJECTIONS OF THE WIFE OF [REDACTED]  
OF THE FARM. SHE DID NOT KNOW THE NEW LOCATION FOR THE  
RALLY.

LOCAL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES AND SECRET SERVICE  
NOTIFIED.

CINCINNATI AND ATLANTA ADVISED AIR MAIL.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

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CC-MR. SULLIVAN



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Date: 9/10/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plain text or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka  
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JY/68

During recent months, there has been considerable confusion over whether or not National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are the same organization. We know they have used both names interchangeably and the officers of one group have also been officers of the other. Therefore, Atlanta has carried both organizations as one case under the file # 157-60.

- ③ - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Cincinnati (157-252) (RM)
- 2 - Cleveland (RM)
- 4 - Atlanta
  - (2 - 157-60)
  - (1 - 157-916) (Knights of the Ku Klux Klan)

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Approved: GKP ms

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AT 157-60

This matter was clarified on 9/10/65, when [redacted]  
furnished a copy of the following letter:

"P.O. Box 415, Buchanan, Ga.  
Sept. 9th 1965

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[redacted]  
"Dear Klansman [redacted]

"After a few days of meditation about the confusion, misunderstanding and exchange of harsh words between some 'Klansmen' in your room Saturday night, it seems to me some clarification is urgently needed there to avoid a repetition of the same. Hence this letter.

"First of all let me state that after spending the summer in Ohio trying to pick up the pieces and start the KLAN anew I felt that I had found the Four men who had the necessary intelligence and ability to build the KLAN in Ohio. Those four men were and are [redacted]

[redacted] You four, working as a team, without jealousies and friction between you can build the KLAN. With this in mind, I so stated this fact before the Imperial Kloneilliam Friday night. Along with my intention to follow through with this plan. There was no audible objection to this plan in the meeting and if objections there were going to be, this was the proper place to bring them in, in fact the only place. You can perhaps begin to understand my complete surprise at the statement by Klansman Venable to Klansman Harris that no one had the authority to appoint anyone in Ohio and besides the appointments were premature.

"Now a word to clarify the status of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN and The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN INC. They being two different and distinct organizations. The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN INC has an Imperial Wizard namely James R. Venable. The KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN which you



and I and every Klansman in the State of Ohio belong to is governed by an Imperial Kloncilium who have elected an Emperor and delegated to him certain powers ordinarily exercised by the Imperial Wizard. The Emperor of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN happens to be me at the present time. The Imperial Wizard of The NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN has no more authority over our KLAN than does the Imperial Wizard of the United Klans or any other Klan group or visa versa. Klansman Venable being a member of the Imperial Kloncilium of the KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN has as much authority as any other member and no more. His authority in the NATIONAL KNIGHTS of the KU KLUX KLAN is absolute. Any time the Imperial Kloncilium wishes to elect an Imperial Wizard or delete my delegated authority in anyway as a matter of course they are free to do so. In the meantime I fully intend to exercise the authority vested in me by the Imperial Kloncilium without fear and without favor when necessary. I will state further that I fully intend to live and act according to the constitution of the Order as its Supreme Law. Any other course invites disrespect for authority and anarchy would follow. I will do this with the full knowledgethat I am no more immune from its provisions than is its newest member.

"I hope that this will clear up for good the existing confusion and that all Klansmen who are willing to live by its provisions and constitutional requirements will forget their petty and childish differences, divest themselves of the troublemakers in their midst and move forward in a solid phalanx of strength to face a common foe. I understand that Harris, Stephens and Annabelle will meet in Columbus this Sunday to further formulate plans for our progress. I personally urge you to meet with them and to remain a vital part of the team.

"In conclusion realizing fully my own capacity for human error and wishing to avoid as much damage to the KLAN as possible, all appointments will be on a temporary basis so that if a mistake is made it can be quickly remedied.



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"Thanking you and yours for past courtesies and assuring you of my continued respect and friendship I beg to remain: yours for GOD HOME RACE and COUNTRY and IN THE SACRED AND UNFAILING BOND.



"Copies to all members of the Imperial Klonecilliam."

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In view of the above, it is apparent that National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are two separate organizations. Therefore, Atlanta is separating the material regarding these two organizations and National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. will be carried in file 157-60, and Knights of the Ku Klux Klan will be followed in file 157-916.



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Date: 9/20/65

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_  
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIRMAIL  
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKKK)  
RM - KLANALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8/BJ/JS

On 9/20/65, [redacted] who was discontinued on 1/7/65 by the Atlanta Office due to involvement in criminal matters, telephonically contacted the Atlanta Office. [redacted] whose identity should be protected, advised that at 4:45 P. M. Sunday, 9/19/65, one [redacted] of Auburn, California, telephonically contacted the main headquarters of the NKKKK in Tucker, Georgia. [redacted] long distance telephone number was given as [redacted] requested help to quell the Negro situation in his area. [redacted] stated that his position was desperate with both the police department and the Negroes, and he needed help badly.

[redacted] advised [redacted] was unknown to him.

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2-San Francisco (RM)  
3-Atlanta

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Approved: [Signature]

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AT AUBURN, CALIFORNIA

Identify [REDACTED] and conduct necessary background investigation to determine if he is associated with the NKKKK, Inc.

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Airtel

1 - Mr. Herington

To: SAC, Atlanta (157-60)  
From: REC-63 EX-100 Director, FBI (157-168)

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka  
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JY/fat

ReATairtel dated 9/10/65.

Atlanta's last report dated 6/30/65 in connection with National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan Inc. reflected information that James R. Venable and [redacted] had been cooperating to form a new Klan organization to be known as Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. [redacted] has furnished your office with information relating to the formation of this new organization. You should insure that your office and all auxiliary offices promptly conduct investigation to determine the extent of influence of the newly-formed group.

Referenced airtel indicates an apparent conflict between Venable and [redacted] as to authority of each and also indicates the possibility that [redacted] may be attempting to usurp power he has not been granted.

[redacted] statement that all klansmen in the State of Ohio are governed by the new organization is difficult to reconcile with the fact that some apparently became members prior to the formation of the new organization.

1 - Cincinnati (157-252)  
1 - Cleveland

1 - 157-916

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Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Airtel to SAC, Atlanta  
Re: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka  
ASSOCIATION OF KLANS IN AMERICA,  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

This investigation should include efforts to determine whether Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has obtained a State Charter distinct from the Charter issued in 1963 to the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

If investigation determines that the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is, in fact, a separate and distinct organization, the Atlanta Office should promptly submit a comprehensive report on that organization.

The Bureau should be kept advised of developments.

NOTE:

[ ] has furnished information concerning the formation of Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (KKKK) to consolidate Klan endeavors. He has advised that [ ] and James R. Venable were cooperating in this endeavor. This informant has been able to furnish information concerning the organization of this group and the identity of some of its leaders. Current airtel from Atlanta indicates that [ ] has been elected to the position of "Emperor" and indicates that the KKKK and the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan are definitely separate and distinct organizations. The new organization is apparently claiming all the members in Ohio as its own and this may be a power maneuver by [ ] to oust Venable from any position of authority. In view of the possibility of the development of a new Klan, organization with a sizeable membership, Atlanta should pursue the investigation vigorously and keep the Bureau advised.

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Date: 9/22/65

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(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-224) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN (NKKKK)  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

OO: ATLANTA

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8/ky/for

Enclosed for Bureau are original and seven copies of letterhead memorandum setting forth information re possible rally of captioned organization in Boone County, Kentucky, weekend 9/24-26/65. Enclosed for Atlanta and Cincinnati Divisions are one copy each of same letterhead memorandum.

Copies of the enclosed have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, Louisville, Ky; 109th INTC, Louisville, Ky.; OSI, Louisville, Ky.; and ONI, Norfolk, Virginia.

It should be noted that [redacted] source quoted in instant letterhead memorandum is [redacted] Burlington Pike, Florence, Kentucky, [redacted] who has furnished information in the past but who has not been contacted enough to determine reliability.

- 3 - Bureau (Enc. 8)
- 1 - Atlanta (157-60) (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Info) (Enc. 1)
- 3 - Louisville (2- 157-224)  
(1- 157-309)

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AGENCY: ACPL, ONI, OSI, SEC SER

DATE FORW: 9-22-65

HOW FORW: [redacted]

BY: [redacted]

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Klan [redacted] Group Unit

Approved: [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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[redacted] source quoted is [redacted] who is known to the Bureau and who has furnished reliable information in the past.

LEAD

THE LOUISVILLE DIVISION

AT BURLINGTON, KENTUCKY

Follow and report results of instant proposed rally.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Louisville, Kentucky  
September 22, 1965

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8/aj/ok

On September 20, 1965, a source advised that source recently was advised by [redacted] also known as [redacted] that on the weekend of September 24, 1965, specific date not yet known, the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan is scheduled to have a rally on the "Hatton farm" on Camp Ernst Road, south of Burlington, Kentucky, in Boone County, Kentucky. Source further determined that this rally is supposed to be advertised in the Boone County Recorder, a weekly newspaper published in Burlington, Kentucky, on Wednesday, September 22, 1965.

[redacted] according to source, is a "radical" type individual who is a staunch segregationist. Source considers [redacted] to be mentally ill and prone to violence. Source further advised that despite the above, [redacted] advised recently that he would not take part in any Klan sponsored violence but would work actively to recruit new members.

On September 20, 1965, the above information was furnished to Boone County Sheriff, Mel Collins, Burlington, Kentucky, and Kentucky State Police Detective [redacted] (National Academy) who also covers Boone County, Kentucky. Subsequently, Sheriff Collins advised from his personal knowledge and review of his tax records, the only Hatton family in the vicinity owning a farm is [redacted]

[redacted], Union, Kentucky, which is situated near an intersection with [redacted] Boone County, Kentucky.

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[redacted]  
On August 20, 1965 [redacted] source  
advised that one [redacted]

[redacted] Florence, Kentucky, was initiated  
into the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan on  
August 16, 1965, during an initiation  
ceremony which took place on the farm of  
Porkie Scott, Rural Route, Oregonia, Ohio.

Information concerning the National  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated,  
is set forth in the appendix of this  
memorandum.

An article in the September 20, 1965, issue of  
the Courier Journal, a daily Louisville, Kentucky, newspaper  
of general circulation, reported that William Hugh Morris  
of Georgia, identified as the Klan Emperor of the Knights  
of the Ku Klux Klan, had said there would be a rally the  
weekend of September 24 - 26, 1965, at a location identi-  
fied only as being 20 miles south of Covington, Kentucky.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

FD-323

Louisville, Kentucky  
September 22, 1965

Title

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN

Reference

Memorandum dated and  
captioned as above.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Contact with [redacted] source mentioned has been insufficient to determine reliability.

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Date: 9/20/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261) (P)RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KLU KLUX KLAN,  
INC. (NKKKK)  
RM - KLANALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY [redacted]

Re Cleveland airtel to Bureau, 9/15/65; Cincinnati teletype to Bureau and Cleveland, 9/17/65; Cleveland teletypes to Bureau, 9/18 and 19/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are eight (8) copies of a LHM.

Two (2) copies of the LHM have been designated for the local office of the U. S. Secret Service and the local offices of G-2, ONI, OSI and United States Attorney are being furnished one (1) copy each of the LHM in view of their interest in this matter. The Atlanta and Cincinnati Offices are being furnished appropriate copies of the LHM for their files.

AGENCY: ACSI, ONI, OSI, SEC SER  
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- ENCLOSURE
- 4 - Bureau (RM) - (Enc. 8)
  - 4 - Atlanta (157-60) (Enc. 4) (RM)  
(1 - JAMES R. VENABLE)

DATE FORW: 9-22-65  
HOW FORW: [redacted]  
BY: [redacted]

- 4 - Cincinnati (157-245) (Enc. 4) (RM)

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- 4 - Cleveland  
(1 - 100-27056) (CRIM)  
(1 - 157-268) (OHIO FRIENDS OF MAE MALLORY)

1 cc detached by  
Klan Group Unit

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The identities of the sources utilized in the LHM are set forth as follows:

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The LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ because information reported from [ ] could reasonably result in the identification of informants and individuals under development as informants of continuing value and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

For the information of the Bureau, close liaison was maintained with law enforcement agencies participating in the control of the NKKKK functions of September 18 and 19, 1965, and they were immediately and continually afforded pertinent information coming to the attention of the Cleveland Office. In addition, liaison was established with the U. S. Secret Service and G-2 in view of their immediate interest in this matter.

The Bureau will note in regard to referenced Cincinnati teletype that no "illegal automatic weapon" was found in the search of the trailer of [ ] although it was possible that such a weapon could exist and was disposed of in the event the OSHF



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surveillance of the trailer was detected enroute. It is also possible that the source was mistaken as to the exact nature of this weapon and it may have been one of those actually seen during the search of [ ] trailer by the Medina County Sheriff's Office.

For the information of the Atlanta Office, [ ] [ ] Racial Informant - Probationary, during a private discussion with [ ] on [ ] concerning the possibility of anti-Klan violence, was advised by [ ] In this connection [ ] informant. [ ] stated that [ ] is identical to the individual he met at the NKKKK National Rally held at Stone Mountain, Georgia, over the Labor Day, 1965, whom he knew then only as [ ] and the information was furnished to Atlanta in source's informant report [ ] has been a Klan member since the [ ] came to instant rally with [ ] who does not appear to have the same high degree of interest in the Klan and they arrived in a maroon colored [ ] bearing 1965 Georgia license [ ]

The above information was not incorporated into the LHM inasmuch as source was [ ] which could lead to his identity as an FBI source. However, this information is being specifically brought to the attention of the Atlanta Office in the event the Atlanta Office should be called upon to cope with this situation at a later date.

The Cleveland Office will further develop and report any additional information resulting from instant NKKKK activity.





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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cleveland, Ohio  
September 20, 1965

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

DECLASSIFIED BY *SPK/pt*  
ON *8-22-88*

NKKKK Rally September 18, 1965 and  
NKKKK Initiation September 19, 1965,  
Near Lodi, Ohio

Sheriff Norman J. Stuart, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio during September 18 and 19, 1965, furnished information concerning the functions of the NKKKK held on September 18 and 19, 1965 at the farm of Earl Reusch, located on County Road No. 28, off U. S. Highway 224, two and one-half miles West of Lodi, Medina County, Ohio.

A characterization of the NKKKK appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

Sheriff Stuart advised that a Rally of the NKKKK commenced at approximately 10:00 AM, September 18, 1965, on the farm of [redacted] and continued until about 9:15 PM when a thirty foot wooden cross was burned. At about 6:00 PM speeches eulogizing the Klan and the Klan movement as well as the need of segregation of the white and Negro races were given by various Klan officials.

Sheriff Stuart noted that approximately two hundred individuals attended the Rally. He noted that the entire area was kept under observation, although, no automobiles were stopped and searched to determine if weapons were being taken into the rally site. He stated that no automobiles were stopped to preclude the possibility of an allegation of harassment or that the Sheriff's Office was interfering with the Klans right to assemble.

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RE: NKKKK

Sheriff Stuart advised that on September 19, 1965, the NKKKK continued its activities at the Reusch farm which included two separate initiations for new members which were held in secret sessions in one of the farm buildings on the Reusch property. Stuart estimates approximately one hundred fifty individuals were on the Reusch property at this time although he had no idea of the number of individuals who were initiated into the NKKKK.

Sheriff Stuart also advised that he entered upon the Reusch property during the morning of September 19, 1965, armed with a search warrant issued by the Court of Common Pleas for Medina County, Medina, Ohio. He noted that he located a .32 caliber automatic revolver and a .22 caliber rifle in a car belonging to Charles Bacelieri of Columbus, Ohio. He also searched a small house trailer belonging to a [redacted] a Klansman from Grove City, Ohio, wherein he located a shotgun and a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson Pistol. Inasmuch as the above noted guns were not in the possession of any individual, no one was arrested and the guns were not confiscated.

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During the search James R. Venable, National Chairman of the NKKKK, and Parkie Scott, Ohio Organizer of the NKKKK, both orally objected to Stuart regarding his search on the Reusch property, although they made no attempt to interfere with the search.

During the search it was apparent to Sheriff Stuart that [redacted] was highly upset over the search and he, [redacted] informed that the NKKKK would hold a NKKKK rally in Ohio every week. Sheriff Stuart replied to the effect that every time the NKKKK holds a rally in Medina County that the NKKKK would find the Medina County Sheriff's Office carrying out its duty to prevent any violence. Sheriff Stuart felt that [redacted] was highly irritated over the presence of his department at the Rally site and in particular the search and was so advising him of the weekly meetings as a form of harassment.

[redacted] contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, on September 18, 1965, informed that he learned that a group of NKKKK leaders from Ohio were at the farm of [redacted] during the late evening of September 17, 1965, in preparation for the NKKKK functions of September 18 and 19, 1965. These individuals stayed overnight to guard the Reusch property.



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RE: NKKKK

[ ] further advised that he learned that the Klansmen possessed between ten and twelve hand weapons together with ammunition and that at least part of the firearms were hidden in a hay barn on the Reusch property.

MEMBER OF SUBJECT ORGANIZATION

At approximately 10:30 - 11:00 PM, September 17, 1965, [ ] an Ohio NKKKK leader from Grove City, Ohio, arrived in a private car accompanied by two or three Klansmen from Kentucky. [ ] learned that [ ] house trailer, which usually accompanies him to NKKKK functions, was to arrive later at the site. However, to the best of his knowledge, [ ] the trailer was not being utilized for the Klan to transport firearms. [ ] describes Smith's trailer as a small camping type house trailer, about ten to twelve feet long, predominantly white in color although there may be a minor contrasting color, and can be easily identified by Klan stickers appearing on the outside of the trailer. [ ] noted that as of the earlier AM of September 18, 1965, that instant trailer had not yet arrived at the Reusch farm although he observed it at the site during the early afternoon of September 18, 1965.

[ ] continued that he would estimate several hundred attended the Rally on September 18, 1965, and that James R. Venable and [ ] of the NKKKK, represented the national organization and gave speeches at the Rally. Venable and [ ] arrived at Cleveland, Ohio from Atlanta, Georgia by way of a United Airlines flight which arrived at approximately 2:00 PM. They were picked up at the Cleveland Airport by [ ] and arrived at the Rally site at approximately 3:30 PM.

On September 19, 1965, [ ] noted that the secret initiation of new Klans members into the NKKKK was held in the hay barn on the Reusch farm. Klansmen attired in black pants and black shirts guarded the outside of the barn to forestall a possibility of a raid by the Sheriff's Office and likewise Klan guards were stationed by each window on the inside of the barn to prevent anyone from looking into the barn to witness the secret ceremonies. [ ] advised that the secret ceremony took place at exactly 10:30 AM and that anyone not present at that time was excluded from entering.

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RE: NKKKK

[ ] advised that approximately seventy-five individuals were initiated into the NKKKK as Probationary Klansmen.

[ ] further noted that a secret initiation was held at approximately 3:00 PM to accommodate those individuals who were late for the first initiation. Approximately eighteen individuals were initiated and this ceremony was shortened to approximately forty-five minutes in contrast to the three hour initiation in the morning.

[ ] revealed that Venable and [ ] departed the Reusch farm following the last initiation in order to catch a United or Trans World Airlines flight departing Cleveland at approximately 6:05 PM for Atlanta.

[ ] advised that he learned that the NKKKK contemplates only one more Rally in Ohio for this year and that both Columbus and Youngstown, Ohio are under consideration.

[ ] contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, on September 18, 1965, informed that he would estimate approximately seventy-five individuals were at the NKKKK Rally during the afternoon of that date at the farm of [ ] near Lodi, Ohio. He noted that James R. Venable and [ ] arrived at the [ ] site by car at about 3:30 PM. The car bore Ohio license plates and was driven by [ ]

[ ] stated that he spoke to [ ] Venable and [ ] and they were dismayed over the presence of the Medina County Sheriff's Office, although automobiles entering the Rally site were not being stopped and searched. These individuals anticipated no trouble with anti-Klan demonstrators inasmuch as they learned that the Sheriff's Office was not allowing pickets near the Rally site.

[ ] on September 19, 1965, informed that at exactly 10:30 AM, September 19, 1965, a secret initiation of individuals into the NKKKK commenced in the hay barn on the Reusch farm and ended at approximately 1:15 PM.

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RE: NKKKK

The officiating Klansmen wore robes and hoods and the barn was locked, and at each window a Klans guard was posted. In front of the robed Klansmen was a table draped with a flag of the United States and a confederate flag. On top of the flags was a Bible, a butcher knife and a ceremonial container of baptismal water. Prior to the commencement of the ceremonies those about to be initiated were given a chance to leave should they have an ulterior motive for joining.

Initiation speeches were given by James R. Venable, [redacted] and an unidentified woman from Georgia. The new members were warned that they would be continuously watched and that the Klan was aware that the FBI would try to infiltrate the NKKKK as they had done so in the past. In this regard the group was warned that should any one of the new members be found to be working on behalf of the FBI that they would meet with serious consequences.

This group was initiated as Probationary Klansmen and were given secret handshakes and signals. [redacted] then advised that local Klaverns would be set up in about six weeks.

[redacted] estimates that about eighty to one hundred people were initiated.

#### Anti-Klan Demonstration

[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on September 18, 1965, informed that [redacted] of Youngstown, Ohio, departed Youngstown that date to participate in an anti-Klan picket demonstration that evening at a NKKKK Rally being held near Lodi, Ohio. [redacted] noted that the [redacted] were organizing this picket demonstration under the name of the "Ohio Friends of Mae Mallory Committee." Further that the name "Ohio Friends of Mae Mallory Committee" was used in a recent picket demonstration against the NKKKK Rally held August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio. [redacted] noted that [redacted] is a member of the Workers World Party (WWP) and [redacted] for the Monroe Defense Committee (MDC).

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RE: NKKKK

[ ] who has furnished reliable information in the past, on November 2, 1964, identified Ted Dostal as a member of the WWP and of the National Committee of the WWP as of September 7, 1964.

[ ] on September 2, 1963, advised that [ ] was in attendance at the WWP Labor Day Conference held in New York City on August 31, 1963.

A characterization of the WWP and MDC appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

Sheriff Norman J. Stuart advised that approximately 8:00 PM, September 18, 1965, thirty-one individuals, mostly of college age, and both of the white and Negro races, appeared at the Rally site to protest the present of the NKKKK in Ohio. They identified themselves as the "Ohio Friends of Mae Mallory Committee."

Sheriff Stuart noted that he made these demonstrators stay on the South side of U. S. Highway 224 well away from the Rally site in order to prevent the possibility of violence. These demonstrators remained at this location until the cross was burned and they then departed.

In addition, Sheriff Stuart noted that at 4:00 AM, September 19, 1964, ten college age boys and girls appeared at the vicinity of the Rally site with the intent to picket the Rally. They identified themselves as students from Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. They were prevented from entering the Rally site and they therefore departed.

Sheriff Stuart noted that no violence or any incidents accompanied these anti-Klan demonstrations.

[ ] advised that he learned that the Klan was attempting to obtain "rotten eggs" to throw at any anti-Klan demonstrators should they appear at the Rally site. However, [ ] noted that when the picket demonstrators did appear at the Rally site the evening of September 18, 1965, they were kept well away from the Rally site which prevented any provocations.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
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MONROE DEFENSE COMMITTEE (MDC)  
CLEVELAND, OHIO

A source advised on February 16, 1962, that [redacted] a member of the Workers World Party (WWP) from New York, was sent to Cleveland, Ohio, in October, 1961, by the Monroe Defense Committee (MDC) of New York to organize an MDC in Cleveland, and that [redacted] with the aid of [redacted] members of the WWP, and [redacted] organized an MDC in Cleveland, with headquarters at 1289 East 115th Street.

On May 29, 1963, source related that the purpose of the MDC in Cleveland is to aid in the support of [redacted] in her fight against extradition to Monroe, North Carolina.

On August 31, 1961, two true bills of indictment were returned against [redacted] by a Grand Jury in Superior Court, Union County, Monroe, North Carolina, charging [redacted] with two counts of kidnapping of [redacted] on August 27, 1961. [redacted]

[redacted] source on May 26, 1963, related that the headquarters of the MDC in Cleveland is located at 10517 Superior Avenue, with [redacted]

[redacted] source in November, 1962, related that [redacted] is a member of the WWP.

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RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
(NKKKKK)

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WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group, under the leadership of National Committee member, [ ] split from the SWP.

The source stated this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of Leon Trotsky and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocates unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, the source advised this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On May 3, 1965, [ ] source advised the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

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The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-786)

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JY/65SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KKK, INC.;  
KNIGHTS OF THE KKK - GEORGIA  
RM - KLANRe Cincinnati teletype, 9/17/65, captioned "KNIGHTS  
OF THE KKK - GEORGIA."Enclosed herewith are 6 copies of a LHM setting forth  
information obtained at Columbus, Ohio, on 9/17/65, relative  
to a rally to be held by captioned organizations in Medina  
County, Ohio, on the weekend of September 17, 1965.The LHM is classified "confidential" since the  
unauthorized disclosure of information furnished by PSI  
(under development) [redacted], could compromise this  
valuable continuing source, thereby impairing his future  
effectiveness. The second confidential source quoted in LHM,  
[redacted] is a highly confidential investigative technique.

- ③ - Bureau (Enc. 6) (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (Enc. 1) (RM)
- 8 - Cincinnati (1 - 157-786)
- (1 - 157-253)
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BY: J.H. S.

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[redacted] confidential source mentioned in the LHM  
is [redacted] Columbus, Ohio,  
who telephonically furnished the information to SA [redacted]  
[redacted]

[redacted] confidential source is [redacted] who is  
utilized to characterize [redacted]

[redacted] confidential source is [redacted]  
Potential PSI, who is used to characterize the persons named by him. b2 b6 b7C b7D

The following were notified on 9/17/65, of the KKK  
rally and intended counter-picketing by SA [redacted]

[redacted], Intelligence Unit, Columbus PD;

[redacted] Headquarters, OSHP, Columbus, Ohio;

[redacted] 109th INTC Group, Columbus, Ohio.

One copy each of the LHM is being furnished to OSI,  
WPAFB; ONI, Columbus, Ohio; 109th INTC, Columbus; and two  
copies to U.S. Secret Service, Columbus, Ohio.





UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
September 29, 1965

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ON 8-22-88

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

On September 17, 1965, [redacted] Columbus, Ohio Police Department, advised he had received information from a reliable confidential source known to him that [redacted] of Grove City, Ohio, and five others, described by [redacted] as "select hard-core Klansmen," would leave Grove City, Ohio, by automobile on September 17, 1965, pulling a house trailer containing a large number of firearms, including an illegal automatic weapon, description unknown. Their destination was to be the site of a Klan rally in Medina County, Ohio, scheduled for the weekend of September 17, 18, and 19, 1965.

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On September 17, 1965, a confidential source advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation he had learned that a group of individuals from Columbus, Ohio, planned to utilize two automobiles driven by [redacted] to travel to the site of the Ku Klux Klan rally in Medina County on September 18, 1965, for the purpose of counter-picketing that rally. That source did not know the departure time of the counter-pickets from Columbus, Ohio, or the route they planned to utilize.

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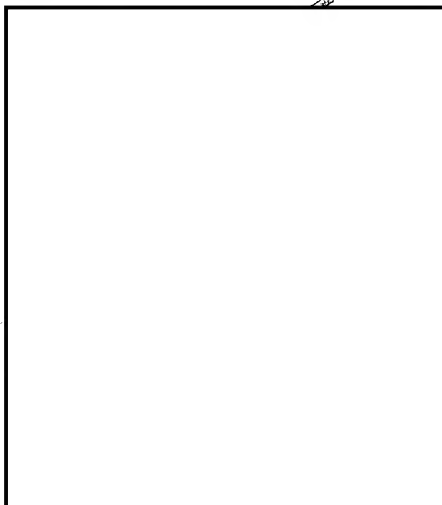
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That source said he had learned the following individuals were expected to constitute the counter-pickets traveling from Columbus, Ohio:



The source said [redacted] resides on [redacted] Columbus, Ohio, while [redacted] reside at [redacted] Columbus, Ohio. The source identified [redacted] as Ohio State University students. According to the source, [redacted] are Negroes who appear to be friends and companions of [redacted]

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On September 20, 1965, the same source stated that he had ascertained on September 19, 1965, that the individuals named above reportedly traveled to Medina County, Ohio, on September 18, 1965, to counter-picket against the Ku Klux Klan rally held on that date.

On May 8, 1964, [redacted] confidential source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised in March, 1964, that [redacted] Hamilton, Ohio, who was formerly of Columbus, Ohio, had indicated he felt he had wasted several years working in left wing socialist groups and decided he would make better use of his time by joining the Socialist Workers Party (SWP); so Henes had applied for SWP membership.

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The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] source has identified [redacted]

[redacted]  
[redacted] as among the participants in a demonstration at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Fairborn, Ohio, on August 6, 1965, held in commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, and protesting United States actions in Vietnam.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Cincinnati, Ohio  
September 28, 1965

Title            NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
                  KU KLUX KLAN, INC.

Character        [REDACTED]

Reference       Cincinnati letterhead memorandum,  
                  dated and captioned as above

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

[REDACTED] confidential source is one who has furnished insufficient information to determine his reliability but who was in a position to obtain the information furnished by him.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)  
 FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)  
 RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
 KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)  
 RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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 DATE 8-22-88 BY SP-107-106

On 10/1/65, [redacted] (NA), PD, Akron,  
 Ohio, furnished the following information:

On 9/30/65, [redacted]  
 Akron, Ohio, appeared at the Akron PD on his own volition and  
 conferred with [redacted] and other officials of this  
 department. He identified himself as the Akron, Ohio  
 organizer of the NKKKK. He gave his address as set forth above  
 and said he is a maintenance mechanic for the Ceal Kote Company  
 in Cleveland, Ohio, actually located in Berea, Ohio. He  
 said he plans on forming an NKKKK protest meeting on 10/18-19/65  
 at Goodyear Metropolitan Park, Newton Street, Akron. He  
 explained he wanted to rent the Shelter House in that park  
 and wanted to know what procedure to follow. He said the  
 meeting was not an actual protest but designed to see that  
 justice would be served in the forthcoming trial of [redacted]  
 [redacted] which commences 10/18/65 in Akron.

For the information of the Bureau, [redacted]  
 [redacted] both Negroes, were arrested in Akron  
 in April, 1965, for the shooting of three officers of the  
 Akron PD. Officer [redacted] was fatally wounded and

[redacted]  
 were both critically wounded. The latter two remain partially  
 paralyzed as a result of their wounds. [redacted]  
 were being arrested as armed robbery suspects. [redacted] trial  
 is to commence 10/18/65. The trial for [redacted] will be subsequent  
 to [redacted] The three officers involved are all white.

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[redacted] continued that in talking with [redacted] he first wanted to know if three representatives of the NKKKK could be present in the courtroom to observe the proceedings. He was told that as far as the PD knew, the trial would be open to the public. [redacted] was asked why he wanted somebody from the Klan there and he replied he was only interested in seeing that [redacted] received the "proper justice". [redacted] was also told that the Akron PD would appreciate it very much if the Klan did not cause any demonstrations during this trial as they had worked long and hard on this case and they do not want to have anything occur wherein the defense could claim prejudice or mistrial. In this connection, the attorney for [redacted] is currently requesting a change of venue on the basis this case has received so much publicity that his client cannot expect to get a fair trial as he has already been "publicly condemned". No ruling as yet has been made.

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According to [redacted] at the end of the interview with [redacted] he had not yet decided if he would carry through his initial plans.

Pertinent developments re this matter will be immediately reported to the Bureau.



SAC, Cleveland (100-10261)

10/6/65

Director, FBI <sup>REC 58</sup> (157-168)

1 - Mr. Herington

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)  
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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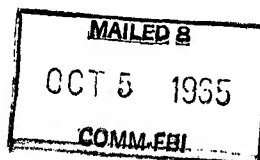
Submit information set forth in referenced airtel in letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination. Disseminate locally to appropriate intelligence agencies.

Continue to follow and submit developments in form suitable for dissemination.

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NOTE:

Referenced airtel sets forth information concerning proposed protest meeting on 10/18/65 designed to see that "justice would be served" in the trial of a Negro accused of participating in the shooting of three officers of the Akron Police Department.



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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA (157-60)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN, INC.  
RM ( KLAN )

[redacted] on this date advised that on 9/27/65 an individual who identified himself as [redacted] from Oakland, California, made a pre-paid telephone call to JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of KKK, Inc., at Tucker, Georgia. [redacted] stated he is a resident of Oakland, California, but formerly resided in the Dallas-Fort. Worth, Texas area. He allegedly told VENABLE that Oakland is over-running with Negroes and something should be done and asked for suggestions from VENABLE. Informant said VENABLE offered no suggestions.

[redacted] stated he could be reached at the following telephone numbers:

[redacted]

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The above numbers are all Oakland, California numbers.

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SAC, Louisville (157-224)

10/19/65

Director, FBI (157-168) - 451

1 - Mr. Herington

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

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ReLSlet dated 10/11/65 and letterhead memorandum (LHM)  
of same date.

The "~~Confidential~~" classification of LHM has been  
deleted since it does not appear that information set forth  
was so exclusively within the knowledge of [ ] that  
it would lead to their identification. Also, protecting the  
identity of these two sources does not appear to fall within  
purview of Executive Order 10501.

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In the future, Louisville must insure classification  
is justified, and if classification is not justified under  
Executive Order 10501, information should be suitably para-  
phrased to protect sources or if absolutely necessary, reported  
as administrative data.

Louisville advise auxiliary offices and agencies to  
which LHM disseminated.

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NOTE:

Louisville classified LHM "~~Confidential~~" to protect  
identity of [ ] informants. Information furnished by these  
informants appears to be known to a number of individuals, and  
their identity would not be jeopardized. Also, this LHM pertain  
to a Klan rally and there appears to be no relation to the  
National Defense which might justify classification.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 10/11/65

FROM: SAC, LOUISVILLE (157-224) (P)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.  
Association of Klans in America,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Rally at Covington, Ky., September 25-26, 1965.

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Re Louisville airtel and LHM to Bureau dated 9/22/65,  
and Louisville teletype to Bureau dated 9/24/65.

- ② - Bureau (Encs. 8) (RM)
- 3 - Atlanta (Encs. 3) (RM)
  - (1 - 157-60) [redacted]
  - (1 - 157-Miss (FNU) [redacted])
- 1 - Cleveland (100-10261) (Enc. 1) (Info) (RM)
- 13 - Cincinnati (Encs. 13) (RM)
  - (2 - 157-245) (1 - 157- [redacted]) (1 - 157-(FNU) [redacted])
  - (1 - 157- [redacted])
  - (1 - 157- [redacted])
  - (1 - 157- [redacted])
  - (1 - 157- [redacted])
  - (1 - 157- [redacted])
- 1 - Memphis (Enc. 1) (RM)  
(Re James H. Winters Company, Nashville, Tennessee)
- 2 - WFO (Encs. 2) (RM)
- 12 - Louisville (3 - 157-224) (1 - [redacted])
  - (1 - [redacted])
  - (1 - [redacted]) (SR.) [redacted]
  - (1 - 157-New- [redacted]) (1 - 157-New- [redacted])
  - (1 - 157-New- [redacted]) [redacted]

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Enclosed for the Bureau are 8 copies; for Cleveland and Memphis Divisions 1 copy each; for Atlanta Division 3 copies; for WFO 2 copies; and for Cincinnati 13 copies of a letterhead memorandum incorporating information about a rally held by captioned organization on 9/25-26/65 at Covington, Ky.

By airtel of 9/29/65, the Cleveland Division advised that [redacted] a Racial Informant - Probationary, attended the Covington, Ky. rally and he said that while [redacted] had been arrested at the rally and charged with Assault and Battery for striking a newspaper reporter [redacted] was not actually the person striking the reporter but the person so doing was a [redacted] (LNU), who is active in Klan matters in the Cincinnati Division.

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This source also said that he had heard that John Doe warrants had been taken out for the arrest of [redacted] and a Klansman [redacted] believed to be [redacted] from Cincinnati, Ohio, in connection with the attack on the newspaperman.

The following list of license numbers were observed at the rally by members of the Kenton County, Ky. Patrol and/or the two members of the Kentucky State Police who attended the rally in an undercover capacity. The following is an explanation of the key used in the list:

1. This license number observed by members Kenton County Patrol at the rally on 9/25/65.
2. This license observed by members of the Kenton County Patrol at the rally on 9/26/65.
3. This license observed at the rally by the KSP members, not specifying as to the date observed.
4. According to KSP members, this license was on one of the first cars arriving at the rally and therefore felt by the KSP members to definitely belong to a Klansman.
5. According to KSP members, this license was on a car arriving early at the rally.
6. The KSP members observed this license on the car as the car left the rally site.



The registered owners of the following licenses are shown as determined by the Kentucky State Police:

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License Number

Registered To

Key

1965 TENNESSEE LICENSES

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In addition to the information shown in the key in the above list, the Kentucky State Police members attending the Klan rally made the following comments on their report concerning certain cars:

1965 Ohio License

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- Owner appeared to supervise erection of the cross, etc.

1965 Ohio License

- Driver dug the hole for the cross.

1965 Ky. License

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Delivered table and hauled the wood for the cross.

1965 Tenn. License

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- White pick-up truck, driver of which erected the sign.

1965 Ky. License

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Driven by KKKK guard.

1965 Ohio License

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Shook hands with robed Klansmen.

A check of the indices of the Louisville Division regarding the Kentucky names in the above list disclose no information identifiable with any names except

concerning whom Louisville has pending 157 cases.

The only other reference believed possibly identical in Louisville indices was to a of South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, who, according to a news article in the 2/2/63 issue of the Louisville Times, a daily Louisville, Kentucky newspaper, is an official with United Steel Workers



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Union and a member of the Kentucky State Commission on Human Rights, who had been named by the Chairman of the Commission to submit recommendations for a State law in Kentucky against discrimination in housing, employment and public accommodations.

With respect to those individuals in Kentucky on the above list whom the Kentucky State Police members indicated they feel to be Klansmen because they were among the first group at the rally, and concerning whom the Louisville indices are negative, new cases are being opened on such individuals. Concerning the remaining names on the Kentucky list, they are being indexed.

Copies of the enclosed letterhead memorandum have been disseminated locally to Secret Service, 109th INTC Group, OSI, and ONI as well as the United States Attorney, Lexington, Kentucky.

~~The enclosed letterhead memorandum has been classified confidential as unauthorized disclosure of the information therein could jeopardize informants of continuing value; namely, LS [REDACTED]~~

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CINCINNATI DIVISION:

AT COLUMBUS, OHIO.

Will determine registered owners of those Ohio licenses in the above list of which the owners are not already known.

WFO DIVISION:

AT WASHINGTON, D. C.

Unless some reason is known to the contrary, determine from the Allegheny Venture Corporation, Hanger #12, Washington National Airport, the individual who was occupying that corporation's 1965 Chevrolet Coupe bearing 1965 Kentucky License  on 9/25-26/65.

LOUISVILLE DIVISION:

AT COVINGTON, KENTUCKY.

Will determine registered owners of remaining Kentucky licenses in above list of which owners have not already been determined by Kentucky State Police, excluding those set forth in Frankfort lead.

AT FRANKFORT, KENTUCKY.

Will determine registered owners of following 1965 Kentucky Licenses:



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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., (NKKKK),  
Also Known As Association of Klans in America,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.  
Rally at Covington, Kentucky  
September 25-26, 1965

Attention is invited to a memorandum regarding the captioned matter, dated September 20, 1965 at Louisville, Kentucky, setting forth information to the effect that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK) had scheduled a rally in Boone County, Kentucky for the weekend of September 24, 1965.

On September 24, 1965 [redacted] advised that the site of the Klan rally for the weekend of September 24, 1965 had been changed from the "Hatton farm" in Boone County, Kentucky to another location then unknown to [redacted] Source said that the site had been changed because [redacted] had strenuously objected to holding the rally on the Hatton farm. The source further said that because the site had been changed, no announcements concerning the rally would appear in the Boone County Reporter, a weekly newspaper published in Burlington, Kentucky.

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The Cincinnati Enquirer, a Cincinnati, Ohio daily newspaper, in its issue of September 24, 1965, carried an article reporting that the NKKKK plan to hold a public recruiting rally at the old Sanfordtown ballfield located one mile south of Covington, Kentucky, on September 25-26, 1965.

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Parkie Scott, identified in the article as a Klan Kleagle, had told the Cincinnati Enquirer on September 23, 1965 that he expected between 500 and 10,000 persons to attend the rally; and that the scheduled speakers are James R. Venable, Atlanta, Georgia, Grand Wizard, and Hugh Morris, Grand Emperor of the NKKKK. Scott further said that the rally would include a cross burning on the evening of September 25, 1965.

The above information was telephonically furnished by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, on September 24, 1965, to Chief of Police John Bornhorn, Covington, Kentucky; Chief of Police James Callahan, Kenton County, Lookout Heights, Kentucky; First Sergeant Rufus Moberly, Kentucky State Police, Dry Ridge, Kentucky; Captain James Hughes, Kentucky State Police, Frankfort, Kentucky; Agent Paul Hutchison, 109th INTC Group, Department of the Army, Louisville, Kentucky; and Agent Thomas Quick, U. S. Secret Service, Louisville, Kentucky.

On September 26, 1965 Chief of Police James Callahan, Kenton County, Lookout Heights, Kentucky, advised the scheduled recruiting rally of the NKKKK was held at the time and place as advertised in the Cincinnati Enquirer. He said the rally began at approximately 9:00 A.M., September 25, 1965, and ended about 5:30 P.M., September 25, 1965. He estimated 200 people were present on September 25, 1965, and about 50 people were present on September 26, 1965. The site at which the rally was held is [redacted] who resides on [redacted] [redacted] South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky.

Chief Callahan said that on the evening of September 25, 1965, a cross was burned at the rally. Further, that there was a minor scuffle between [redacted] for the WCPO Radio and Television Station, Cincinnati, Ohio, and two men, [redacted] South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, a reported Klan member, and [redacted] Newport, Kentucky, a member of the American Nazi Party. [redacted] were arrested by Kenton County Police authorities on September 26, 1965 on Assault and Battery warrants taken by [redacted]

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Chief Callahan further advised that also on the evening of September 25, 1965, several unidentified spectators at the rally attempted to interfere with local firemen who had arrived at the scene to put out an unauthorized bonfire. The attempted interference consisted of crimping and cutting a fire hose. The bonfire was extinguished without further incident.

Chief Callahan also said that the scheduled speakers, James R. Venable and [redacted] did not appear. There were approximately 30 local, county and state policemen at the scene of the rally to observe and maintain order.

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Information concerning the NKKKK and the American Nazi Party is set forth in the Appendix to this memorandum.

An article in the September 27, 1965 issue of the Cincinnati Enquirer reported that the scuffle between Schaffer, Green and Hanna occurred when Schaffer was near the cross which was to be burned, and he was told to "Move back and shut up". He refused and several Klansmen and spectators began jeering him and calling him names, including "nigger lover". One individual, not identified, told Schaffer "Shut up or I'm going to throw you off this property personally". Schaffer began to protest the threats and was then hit in the stomach and face. Unsuccessful attempts were made to break his camera. At this point, police moved in and stopped the fighting. Schaffer reported that he had suffered an abrasion by his right eye and other bruises.

This article further reported that both Hanna and Green had protested their innocence when arrested, but gave no trouble. Green told authorities that he had rented the grounds for the rally, and officers said they also learned Green served as a security guard for the affair.

An article in the September 29, 1965 issue of The Kentucky Post and Times Star, a daily Covington, Kentucky newspaper, reported that the cases of Hanna and Green were continued on September 29, 1965 in Kenton County Court to November 3, 1965, when the defendants asked for more time to bring in out-of-town witnesses.

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On September 28, 1965 [redacted] advised he was in attendance at the NKKKK rally held near Covington, Kentucky on the evening of September 25, 1965. He said that, in his opinion, this rally was a complete flop and neither James R. Venable, the Imperial Wizard, nor [redacted] were in attendance. [redacted] described by the source as an old crony of Venable's, did make an appearance and gave a speech.

[redacted] said that about 15 individuals filled out applications to join the NKKKK and paid their \$15.00 dues.

This source commented that a scuffle broke out at the rally between a Cincinnati television [redacted] who attempted to take close-up photos of the Klansmen and their activities at the rally. As a result of the scuffle, [redacted] from Kentucky and [redacted] from Newport, Kentucky, were arrested. This source said that he had also heard that [redacted] whom the source described as a Klansman from Walton, Kentucky, and [redacted] described by the source as a Klansman from Grove City, Ohio, will also be charged in a warrant signed by [redacted] for Assault and Battery.

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The source said that among those present at the rally was [redacted] described as a Cincinnati, Ohio Klansman, and [redacted] described as a Klansman from Oregonia, Ohio.

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On September 29, 1965 [redacted] Kentucky State Police, advised that two members of the Kentucky State Police had attended the rally of September 25-26, 1965 near Covington, Kentucky without identifying themselves as members of the Kentucky State Police. [redacted] advised that a report submitted by these two Kentucky State Police members reflected the following:

They arrived at the rally site at about 1:00 P.M., September 25, 1965, at which time they found no more than 15 people present. Originally, it had been planned to hold the rally on the farm of [redacted] near Burlington, Kentucky, but the location was changed because

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of the strenuous objections of [redacted] The rally was held on a field rented from [redacted] at the intersection of KY-371 and KY-17. A crude sign had been erected advertising the rally. It was the opinion of some individuals present at the rally that John Carney is not "a right winger", and rented the field for the rally simply because he is "out to make a buck".

All arrangements for the rally were made by people from Ohio and the rally seemed to be mostly for the benefit of those people. Speakers at the rally became confused at times and referred to the audience as "you Ohio people". The purpose of the rally was a recruitment drive, but there was actually no "hard sell" during the speaking and an estimated 15-20 people filled out application blanks and paid their initiation fees during the rally. The blanks had to be filled out on the spot and the fee paid and turned in immediately.

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[redacted] of Oregonia, Ohio, said to be a NKKKK organizer, made all of the advance arrangements for the rally. Scott drives a 1964 pea green Cadillac bearing 1965 Ohio License [redacted]

Upon arrival at the rally, at about 1:00 P.M. on September 25, 1965, it was observed there were four black uniformed, armed guards wearing gold badges bearing the inscription "Private Watchman". Each was armed and carried wooden clubs. One carried a bull whip. A [redacted] a self-styled Nazi from Newport, Kentucky, also acted as [redacted] He wore an army helmet, jack boots and a belt with a large brass buckle bearing a swastika. He was armed with a club and continuously postured as a storm trooper.

Throughout the day of September 25, 1965, a record player kept repeating three songs; "Dixie", "Cumberland Gap", and an anti-Negro song called "We're Gonna Kill Them Rotten Mothers".

There was no schedule for speeches and the leaders of the rally waited until approximately 7:00 P.M., September 25, 1965, when a sufficient crowd had been gathered, to start the

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speaking. The first speaker spoke for 30 or 40 minutes. It was learned that he is [redacted] (Phonetic), of Atlanta, Georgia. He is a man about 75 years old and in his speech, he attacked Negroes, Jews and Catholics. At one point, he spotted a priest in the crowd and remarked "I see you out there with your collar turned around. Where I come from only jackasses and bull dogs wear their collars turned around. No mind though, you're welcome here as the klan respects others religions as we are tolerant people." Reverend Hale criticized the Supreme Court, referring to the members as black robed nigger lovers. He said that President Johnson was filling the White House with "niggers" and referred to former President Kennedy and "his nigger loving ways". He attacked former White House Press Secretary Pierre Salinger, calling him a "dirty Jew". He lashed out at "coons" and "the nigger loving courts". He called upon those in the audience to stop being cowards and join the NKKKK. Reverend Hale at no point, however, stated what the Klan stood for except it was against Negroes, Jews and Catholics.

The second speaker spoke along the same lines as [redacted] and was named (First Name Unknown) [redacted] who said he worked for the National Cash Register Company in Dayton, Ohio, was born in Knott County, Kentucky and went to Ohio as a youth. He is a member of the Dayton, Ohio Klavern which meets in a barn on the Parkey Scott farm at Oregonia, Ohio.

In his speech, [redacted] attacked the press. He also said "And you good Kentucky people have got a nigger loving governor who let them coons lay in the capitol building a couple of years ago and didn't do anything about it." This was the only direct reference made to Kentucky by the speakers, except Thacker referred to Louisville, Kentucky as a "nigger loving town".

After [redacted] had been speaking for about 20 minutes, several fire trucks from the nearby Southern Hills Volunteer Fire Department began passing back and forth on KY-17 with their sirens and bells going full blast, resulting in the audience being unable to hear [redacted] however, kept speaking. After a few minutes, the fire trucks left. Prior to the appearance of the fire trucks, there were approximately

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200 people present at the rally, but the noise of the sirens from the fire trucks caused the crowd to build up to about 400. The fire trucks returned after about five minutes and were followed by six Kenton County, Kentucky patrolmen. They proceeded to attempt to extinguish a bonfire of tires which were burning near the Klan cross. This started some scuffling between the Klan guards, Klansmen, firemen and members of the Kenton County patrol. Someone cut the fire hose and the fire burned for about thirty minutes more before it was finally put out. The fire chief said he had received a complaint that the fire had been built without a permit, although it appeared to the crowd the fire trucks came to the scene to harass the rally. An agreement was reached between the Chief of the Kenton County Patrol and the Klan leaders that the cross could be burned. After things quieted down, [redacted] continued to speak for another five or ten minutes.

The next speaker was a woman dressed in a solid red robe. Her name was said to be [redacted] (Phonetic), and she was from Atlanta, Georgia. She and [redacted] had arrived at the rally site together in a 1964 Maroon Rambler bearing 1965 Georgia License [redacted] was said to be [redacted] of the women's division of the NKKKK. She said she is [redacted] years old, has been in the Klan for [redacted] years. She asked all women in the audience to get close to the rostrum, which was an old truck bed, but no women did so. She told the women present that they should have nothing to do with "them dirty niggers", and that the menfolks could do only so much to protect them. She referred to Martin Luther King as Martin Luther Coon. In her talk, she generally followed the same lines as Hale and Thacker.

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At 10:00 P.M., September 25, 1965, a cross was set on fire. It was announced that "all the faithful join hands around the cross". About 50 persons formed a ring around the cross and six Klansmen in robes gathered inside the group and started walking around the cross. The cross was lit. At this point, [redacted] and newsreel man from Cincinnati, tried to get through the circle of people to take pictures. He was grabbed by two of the Klan guards and struck several times. The two guards were then joined by

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[redacted] who also struck [redacted] Two or three more Klansmen joined in the scuffling. The police arrived and broke up the altercation. The next day, [redacted] [redacted] were arrested on warrants taken by [redacted]

[redacted] further advised that the members of the Kentucky State Police, who attended the above rally, expressed their opinion that the rally would have passed relatively unpublished and unsuccessful if the fire trucks had not been dispatched to the scene. The arrival of the fire trucks increased the crowd and created problems for the police.

Among material obtained by the Kentucky State Police members while in attendance at the rally was an application for membership in the NKKKK, which application reflects the headquarters to be P. O. Box 107, Tucker, Georgia.

Among license numbers on automobiles observed at the rally by the above referred to Kentucky State Police members were the following, which have been determined by the Kentucky State Police to be registered as noted:

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License Number and  
Automobile

Registered To

1965 Kentucky [redacted]  
1956 Ford C and C

1965 Kentucky [redacted]  
1963 Plymouth Sedan

1965 Kentucky [redacted]  
1957 Rambler Sedan

1965 Kentucky [redacted]  
1964 Ford Hardtop

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License Number and  
Automobile

Registered To

1965 Kentucky [redacted]  
1962 two-door Pontiac

1965 Kentucky [redacted]  
1965 Chevrolet two-door

On August 20, 1965 [redacted] advised that

[redacted]  
South Fort Mitchell, Kentucky, was initiated  
into the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
at Oregonia, Ohio in August, 1965.

On October 10, 1964 [redacted] advised that  
the individual who is organizer for the National  
States Rights Party (NSRP) in northern  
Kentucky is believed to be named [redacted]

Information concerning the NSRP is set  
forth in the Appendix of this memorandum.

On August 27, 1965 [redacted] advised that

[redacted]  
Walton, Kentucky, was initiated into the  
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at  
Oregonia, Ohio in August, 1965.

On August 27, 1965 [redacted] advised that

[redacted]  
Covington, Kentucky, was initiated into the  
National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan at  
Oregonia, Ohio in August, 1965.

On August 27, 1965 [redacted] advised that

[redacted] Ludlow, Kentucky, was  
initiated into the National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan at Oregonia, Ohio during  
August, 1965.

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AMERICAN NAZI PARTY  
OF THE WORLD UNION OF  
FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL  
SOCIALISTS, ALSO KNOWN AS THE  
GEORGE LINCOLN ROCKWELL PARTY

In his book "This Time The World", copyrighted in 1961, George Lincoln Rockwell identified himself as Commander, American Nazi Party of the World Union of Free Enterprise National Socialists (ANP - WUFENS), Arlington, Virginia.

The April 4, 1963, issue of "The Richmond News Leader", a Richmond, Virginia daily newspaper, reported that George Lincoln Rockwell had, on the previous day, again applied for the American Nazi Party to be chartered in the State of Virginia, but this request was turned down by the Virginia State Corporation Commission. This action was taken pursuant to an act of the 1962 Virginia Assembly which prohibits use of "Nazi" or "National Socialism" in a Virginia charter. This article further pointed out that Rockwell's party is presently chartered in the State of Virginia as the George Lincoln Rockwell Party.

On August 14, 1964, a source advised that the ANP-WUFENS was organized by George Lincoln Rockwell at his residence in Arlington, Virginia, on February 26, 1959, as an international "National Socialist" movement based on the German Nazi Party headed by Adolf Hitler. He added that Rockwell is the dominant force and personality in this party; that he is espousing a "line" of hatred against the Jews and Negroes; and that he is seeking, through speeches, distribution of literature and picketing, to establish a cohesive and dominant political party in the United States and in foreign countries.

According to the "Stormtrooper's Manual," an official publication of the ANP, the phases of ANP struggle for power are fourfold; namely, first "to make ourselves known to the

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masses"; second "the dissemination of our program and the truth about the Party"; third "organizing the people who have been converted to our propaganda"; and fourth "the attainment of power through the votes of the newly-won masses".

On February 17, 1964 [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] of the ANP, advised that George Lincoln Rockwell believes that he has completed the first two phases of his struggle for power and is now well into the third phase. Allen said, however, in his opinion, Rockwell has only completed phase one.

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In Reply, Please Refer to  
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Louisville, Kentucky  
October 11, 1965

Title: National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan,  
Inc., (NKKKK), Aka. Association of  
Klans in America, Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan

Character: RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Reference: Letterhead memorandum, dated  
October 11, 1965, at Louisville,  
Kentucky.

All sources (except any listed below) whose identities  
are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable  
information in the past.

Contact with [ ] has been insufficient to establish  
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Date: 10/12/65

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ATLANTA

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka.  
RM - KLAN  
Bufile 157-168  
Atlanta file 157-60KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN (GEORGIA)  
RM - KLAN  
Bufile 157-2850  
Atlanta file 157-916Re Cincinnati airtel to Bureau and Atlanta dated  
10/6/65.

Referenced airtel stated that on 10/6/65 [redacted]  
(PROB) advised that during a recent contact with [redacted]  
[redacted] affiliated with Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
(Georgia) [redacted] told him that during recent meeting of the  
Imperial Klonecillium, [redacted]  
by a vote of 15 to 1.

On 10/5/65 [redacted] advised that on 10/2/65 a  
meeting of the Imperial Klonecillium of Knights of the Ku  
Klux Klan (Georgia) was held at the Palms Restaurant on  
Highway 78 in Cobb County, Ga. 7 members of the 16 member  
Imperial Klonecillium were present for the purpose of  
electing an Imperial Wizard of this organization. [redacted]

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[REDACTED] JAMES R. VENABLE, who is Imperial Wizard of National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, were the 2 candidates for this position. [REDACTED] disqualified himself for voting and each of the candidates got 3 votes. It was decided that a mail ballot would be sent to those members of the Imperial Klonecillium who were not present.

[REDACTED] advised on 10/12/65 that the ballots had not yet been returned and an Imperial Wizard has not yet been elected for Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Georgia).

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**AIRTEL**

**REGISTERED MAIL**

**TO : DIRECTOR, FBI**

**FROM : SAC, CINCINNATI (157-00-55)**

**SUBJECT: INVESTIGATIONS OF KLAN  
ORGANIZATIONS AND  
ASSOCIATED INDIVIDUALS  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)  
MURKED 10/20/65**

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**Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta, 10/5/65.**

1) Investigation and information developed and established to date by the Cincinnati Division has disclosed no existing Klan organizations active within the Cincinnati Division. However, several Klan rallies have been held at Oregonia and Cambridge, Ohio, in recent months. The rally at Oregonia, Ohio, was staged in conjunction with Knights of the Ku Klux Klan - Georgia, whose organization headquarters are located at Tucker, Georgia, CI file 157-786, Bureau file 157-2850, OO:AT.

A list of the individuals who have paid their \$15 initiation dues was furnished by [redacted] (probationary). This same list was submitted to the Bureau for indexing.

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The rally held near Cambridge, Ohio, recently was staged in conjunction with United Klans of America, Inc. (UK of A, Inc.), CI file 157-618, Bureau file 157-370, OO:BIRMINGHAM. [redacted], spoke at the Cambridge rally. However, sources advised this rally a complete flop and [redacted] was extremely disappointed by attendance.

[redacted] (probationary) has advised that UK of A, Inc., under direction of [redacted] is currently desirous of obtaining 250 members in Ohio for this Klan organization by the spring of 1966. If this plan is successful, a huge Klan rally will then be scheduled and staged somewhere in Ohio during the spring of 1966. Of course, this plan is subject to change.

Conclusion:

There are currently no known organized or active Klan chapters, klaverns, or units in operation or existence within the Cincinnati territory in connection with Knights - KKK - Georgia, or UK of A, Inc. Therefore, until organized activity is established and verified and officers appointed, Cincinnati will not submit a report concerning either Klan group.

- 2) National Rights of the Ku Klux Klan of Ohio, Inc.  
CI file 157-245  
Bureau file 157-168  
(OO:AT)

On April 15, 1965, Cincinnati furnished non-prosecutive summary report written by SA [redacted] to the Bureau.

This Klan chapter was originally chartered at Columbus, Ohio, October 5, 1964, and was signed by



CI 157-00-55

[redacted] Columbus, Ohio, and [redacted]  
[redacted] Trustee, Grove City, Ohio. [redacted] has CI file 157-252,  
[redacted] has CI file 157-253.

The Attorney General of Ohio shortly thereafter revoked above charter. Since that time [redacted] have split completely from each other and have become enemies. Also, in recent months [redacted] has switched his allegiance to UK of A, Inc., however, his actions have been entirely on an independent basis to date. Sources have stated he is connected with the Klan movement for purely personal financial gains.

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Nonprosecutive summary reports were furnished to the Bureau on April 27, 1965, regarding [redacted] and on May 4, 1965, regarding [redacted]

Since the revocation of the state charter by the Attorney General of Ohio, National Knights - KKK of Ohio, Inc., has ceased activity and existence. Therefore, Cincinnati will not submit any additional reports to the Bureau concerning this Klan group.

The instructions contained in referenced Bureau airtel will be adhered to by the Cincinnati Office.



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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2880)  
SAC, ATLANTA (157-80)

FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-736) (P)

NATIONAL KENNEDY OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,  
Ala.  
Association of Klans in America,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (Georgia)  
KKK - KLAN

On 10/2/65, [redacted] (probationary) advised that he had been in recent contact with [redacted] affiliated with the Knights of KKK - Georgia, and [redacted] informed him that the Imperial Klansville met very recently consisting of 15 members. The Klansville voted 15 to 1 to appoint [redacted] as the new Imperial Wizard of Knights of the KKK - Georgia, and according to [redacted] from this time on he will be the recognized leader of this Klan and JAMES A. VENABLE will no longer hold the number one position.

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FROM CINCINNATI 291901

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC. CINCINNATI FILE 157-618;  
NATIONAL KNIGHT, KKK CINCINNATI FILE 157-245, RM - KLAN.

Racial Matter

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[REDACTED] INTELLIGENCE UNIT COLUMBUS OHIO 20  
ADVISED A SOURCE REPORTED SPECIAL MEETING HELD AT HOLIDAY INN  
MOTEL CAMBRIDGE, OHIO SEPTEMBER 26 LAST IN CONJUNCTION WITH  
KKK RALLY. [REDACTED] PRESENT AT THAT MEETING. THE SOURCE  
REPORTED TO [REDACTED] WHO WAS TRAVELLING  
WITH [REDACTED] ALSO PRESENT AND INTRODUCED TO GROUP AS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] "KBI" INTERPRETED BY [REDACTED] AS "KLAN  
BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION" DESIGNED TO SCREEN KKK APPLICANTS.  
[REDACTED] SAID HIS SOURCE LEARNED [REDACTED] FURNISHED HIS ADDRESS  
AS [REDACTED] PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA TELEPHONE  
SA 7-6493. [REDACTED] SOURCE TOLD HIM [REDACTED] INTERESTED IN  
OPENING OFFICE IN CENTRAL OHIO AND PLANS TO BE IN CONTACT THAT  
SOURCE WITHIN WEEK.

ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1965 [REDACTED] SOURCE ADVISED THAT [REDACTED]  
POSSIBLY [REDACTED] SPOKE AT CAMBRIDGE RALLY ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 25  
AND IDENTIFIED SELF AS HAVING SERVED UNDER THREE ATTORNEY GENERALS  
BUT SOURCE UNDER IMPRESSION THAT [REDACTED] MEANT ATTORNEY GENERALS  
OF PENNSYLVANIA.

ATLANTA AND PHILADELPHIA REQUESTED SURAD ANY INFO RE [REDACTED]  
BUREAU ADVISE WHETHER [REDACTED] FORMER SA.

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Bureau files and Philadelphia files contain no information indicating [redacted] was ever an [redacted] He has, in the past, volunteered information concerning the Klan and its members to the Philadelphia office. He was supposedly a member of Philadelphia Police Department in 1920's and then assigned to four Directors of Public Safety as an investigator. [redacted] also claimed he was connected with the Pennsylvania State Department of Justice in 1937. In 1943 he was described as unethical and would sell out information to anybody for any price.

Philadelphia will be instructed to interview him concerning introduction and cautioned regarding [redacted]

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*Do so promptly.*  
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PHILADELPHIA

FROM DIRECTOR FBI (157-370)

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UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC., KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN).

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN).

RECIRAD SEPTEMBER TWENTY-NINE LAST AND PHILADELPHIA TELE-  
TYPE SEPTEMBER THIRTY LAST, BOTH CAPTIONED AS ABOVE.

PHILADELPHIA IS INSTRUCTED TO IMMEDIATELY INTERVIEW

[REDACTED] CONCERNING THE ALLEGATION THAT HE WAS INTRO-  
DUCED AS [REDACTED] AT A KLAN MEETING. HE SHOULD BE  
TOLD THAT IT IS A SERIOUS MATTER TO CLAIM TO BE OR TO ALLOW  
OTHERS TO FORM THE IMPRESSION OR TO MISREPRESENT TO THIRD PARTIES  
THAT HE IS OR HAS BEEN [REDACTED] HE SHOULD BE TOLD TO CEASE  
AND DESIST FROM SUCH PRACTICE. [REDACTED] SHOULD ALSO BE QUESTIONED  
CONCERNING HIS ACTIVITIES IN CONNECTION WITH THE KLAN MEETING.

PHILADELPHIA SHOULD PROMPTLY FURNISH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW TO  
BUREAU AND CINCINNATI.

COPIES AIRMAILED TO ATLANTA AND BIRMINGHAM.

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1 - Birmingham (Enc. - 2 of referenced communications)

VIA RADIOGRAM

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Re: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
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NOTE:

Cincinnati radiogram 9/29/65 furnished information that [redacted] was traveling to Ohio with [redacted] and had been introduced as [redacted]. According to information received from Philadelphia, he was supposedly a member of the Philadelphia Police Department in the 1920's and later assigned to four Directors of Public Safety as an investigator. In 1943 he was described as unethical and would sell out information to anybody for any price. [redacted] was traveling in Ohio, but resides in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. With regard to interview, Director noted, "Do so promptly."

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM PHILADELPHIA (157-341)

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Mr. Mohr  
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Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
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Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

*[Handwritten signature]*

[Redacted box]

UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.; NATIONAL KNIGHTS KKK; RM-KLA

REBUTEL CALL TO PHILADELPHIA PM NINE TWENTYNINE AND PHILA AIRTEL  
TO BUREAU AND CINCINNATI, NINE TWENTYTHREE SIXTYFIVE.

BYWAY OF BACKGROUND CONCERNING [Redacted] PHILA.

FILES SHOW THAT IN JANUARY, NINETEEN FORTYTHREE [Redacted] WAS DESCRIBED  
AS BEING WELL KNOWN IN LOCAL POLITICAL CIRCLES THROUGHOUT PHILADELPHIA  
AS BEING UNETHICAL AND THAT HE WOULD SELL OUT ANY INFORMATION TO  
ANYBODY FOR ANY PRICE. [Redacted], WHILE AN EMPLOYEE OF THE PHILADELPHIA  
QUARTERMASTER DEPOT, ATTEMPTED TO PRODUCE MATERIAL WHICH WOULD BE AN  
EXPOSE OF THE LOOSE MANNER IN WHICH THE U. S. ARMY WAS OPERATING.

[Redacted] ATTEMPTED TO SELL INFO TO A LOCAL PHILA. NEWSPAPER [Redacted]  
AND WAS TOLD THAT SUCH INFO WAS NOT BELIEVED TO BE OF  
VALUED SINCE THIS CONDITION WAS NOT BELIEVED TO BE IN  
EXISTENCE AND [Redacted] WAS FLATLY REFUSED. [Redacted] WAS SUPPOSEDLY  
A MEMBER OF THE PHILA. PD ASSIGNED AS ACTING DETECTIVE FROM  
NINETEEN TWENTYFOUR TO NINETEEN TWENTYNINE AND TRANSFERRED TO THE

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*cc: Klan Unit*

MR. BELMONT FOR THE DIRECTOR

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OFFICER OF THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND ASSIGNED AS CHIEF INVESTIGATOR FOR FOUR DIRECTORS. HE CLAIMS IN NINETEEN TWENTYEIGHT HE WAS ASSIGNED TO DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, PHILA., TO ASSIST THE DA IN A GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION. IN NINETEEN THIRTYSIX

[REDACTED] CLAIMS HE WAS ENGAGED AS SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR TO INVESTIGATE VICE AND CORRUPTION OF THE BUREAU OF POLICE, PHILA. [REDACTED] CLAIMS HE FIRST BECAME MEMBER OF KLAN IN NINETEEN TWENTYFIVE, THEN DROPPED HIS MEMBERSHIP. CLAIMS IN NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE BECAME REINSTATED IN KLAN TO ASSIST ONE CONGRESSMAN MC GRANERY, WHO WAS AT THAT TIME A CANDIDATE FOR CONGRESS, WHO HAD INFORMED [REDACTED] THAT THE KLAN WAS CIRCULATING LITERATURE DETRIMENTAL TO HIS CAMPAIGN IN HIS CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT. FOLLOWING THIS, HE REMAINED INACTIVE UNTIL ABOUT A YEAR LATER WHEN HE WAS AGAIN REINSTATED. CLAIMS IN NINETEEN THIRTYSEVEN HE WAS CONTACTED BY PENNA. STATE DEPT. OF JUSTICE AND HIRED AS SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FOR A GRAND JURY PROBE.

[REDACTED] SUPPOSEDLY JOINED KLAN IN NINETEEN FORTYONE FOR PURPOSE OF OBTAINING INFO FROM KLAN RECORDS FOR THE PHILA. INQUIRER, A DAILY PHILA. NEWSPAPER. [REDACTED] NAME APPEARS ON LIST OF

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ASSOCIATE MEMBERS OF AMERICAN NAZI PARTY DATED FIVE TWENTYNINE SIXTYTHREE. IN NINETEEN FIFTYSEVEN [REDACTED] WAS ENGAGED IN WHAT APPEARED TO BE A CONFIDENCE GAME IN LEVITTOWN, PA. (WHICH INFO IS SET FORTH IN PH LET TO BUREAU DATED NINE SIX FIFTYSEVEN CAPTIONED "DEMONSTRATION AT RESIDENCE OF [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] LEVITTOWN, PA., EIGHT THIRTEEN, FIFTYSEVEN; RACON; IS-C, BUFILE ONE HUNDRED ONE THREE FIVE THREE SEVEN." COPIES OF WHICH ARE BEING FURNISHED CI AND AT FOR THEIR INFO.) ABOVE REFERENCED COMMUNICATION INDICATES [REDACTED] WAS AGITATING IN LEVITTOWN AND TRYING TO SELL ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT HE SAID WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CONDUCT INVESTIGATION RE PROPOSED INTEGRATION OF LEVITTOWN WHICH HE SAID WAS BEING PUSHED BY COMMUNIST PARTY. [REDACTED] WAS FIRST NEGRO TO MOVE INTO LEVITTOWN, PA.

NO INFO PH FILES IDENTIFYING [REDACTED] OR THAT HE WAS EVER [REDACTED]

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*cc Mr. Sullivan*

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FROM : SAC, ATLANTA (157-193) (P)  
SUBJECT: UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA, INC.  
KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

On 9/21/65, Lt. [redacted] Atlanta FD,  
advised that on 9/24/65, [redacted] Fugitive  
Squad, Atlanta FD, received a pre-paid telephone call  
from a man who identified himself as [redacted]  
[redacted] O'Hara, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania,  
Telephone 782-2230, Extension 412. [redacted] stated he  
is interested in starting a Ku Klux Klan organization  
in the Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, area and said he has  
about 200 people ready to join. [redacted] stated his pur-  
pose in calling the Atlanta FD was to attempt to  
determine who is the Wizard in Georgia who could furnish  
him information about starting a Klan group.

[redacted] took the information and furnished  
it to Lt. [redacted]

The above is being furnished for the information  
of the Bureau and Pittsburgh.

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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
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RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

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Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and seven copies of a LHM captioned as above.

Copies of the enclosed have been disseminated locally to appropriate intelligence agencies.

CV will continue to follow this matter and any developments will be submitted in form suitable for dissemination.

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2 - Cleveland  
(100-157-222) (RACIAL SITUATION; AKRON)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
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On October 1, 1965 [redacted] Police  
Department, Akron, Ohio, furnished the following information:

On September 30, 1965, [redacted]  
[redacted] Akron, Ohio, appeared at the Akron Police Department  
on his own volition and conferred with [redacted] and  
other officials of this department. He identified himself  
as the Akron, Ohio [redacted] of the NKKKK. He gave his address  
as set forth above and said he is a maintenance mechanic for the  
Ceal Kote Company in Cleveland, Ohio, actually located in Berea,  
Ohio. He said he plans on forming an NKKKK protest meeting on  
October 18-19, 1965, at Goodyear Metropolitan Park, Newton  
Street, Akron. He explained he wanted to rent the Shelter House  
in that park and wanted to know what procedure to follow. He  
said the meeting was not an actual protest but designed to see  
that justice would be served in the forthcoming trial of [redacted]  
[redacted] which commences on October 18, 1965, in Akron.

[redacted] pointed out that [redacted]  
[redacted] both Negroes, were arrested in Akron in April,  
1965, for the shooting of three officers of the Akron Police  
Department. [redacted] was fatally wounded and  
[redacted] were  
both critically wounded. The latter two remain partially  
paralyzed as a result of their wounds. At the time of the  
shooting, [redacted] were being arrested as armed  
robbery suspects. [redacted] trial is to commence October 18,  
1965, in Akron. The trial for [redacted] will be subsequent to  
[redacted]. The three officers involved are all white.

[redacted] continued that in talking with [redacted]  
he first wanted to know if three representatives of the NKKKK  
could be present in the courtroom to observe the proceedings.  
He was told that as far as the Police Department knew, the trial

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Re: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

would be open to the public. [ ] was asked why he wanted somebody from the Klan there, and he replied he was only interested in seeing that [ ] received the "proper justice". [ ] was also told that the Akron Police Department would appreciate it very much if the Klan did not cause any demonstrations during this trial as they had worked long and hard on this case, and they do not want to have anything occur wherein the defense could claim prejudice or mistrial. In this connection, the [ ] is currently requesting a change of venue on the basis this case has received so much publicity that his client cannot expect to get a fair trial as he has already been "publicly condemned". No ruling as yet has been made.

According to [ ] at the end of the interview with [ ] he had not yet decided if he would carry through his initial plans.

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FROM CLEVELAND (100-10261)

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., (NKKKK). RM -  
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CHIEF CHARLES SPERBER, STRONGSVILLE, OHIO PD, THIS  
DATE ADVISED THAT NKKKK HELD FIVE HOUR GATHERING ON  
A FARM LOCATED AT STRONGSVILLE OCT. SEVENTEE, LAST.  
PD HAD NO ADVANCE INFO AND ONLY LEARNED OF AFFAIR WHEN  
NEIGHBORING FARMER COMPLAINED TO PD OF LARGE NUMBER OF  
CARS GOING INTO NEIGHBORS FARM.

PD INITIATED SURVEILLANCE AND NOTED ABOUT ONE HUNDRED  
FIFTY CARS ENTERING ROAD LEADING TO FARM DURING THIS PERIOD,  
ALTHOUGH NOT ALL BELIEVED GOING TO FARM; MAJORITY OF  
CARS HAD ONE OR TWO OCCUPANTS AT MOST, AND FROM ANOTHER  
VANTAGE POINT, INDIVIDUALS WERE OBSERVED ENTERING A BARN  
ON THE PROPERTY AND USUALLY STAYED ONE HOUR ~~AND DEPARTED~~  
BECAUSE OF TERRAIN IT COULD NOT BE DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED  
THAT ALL CARS GOING DOWN FARM ROAD WERE GOING TO NKKKK  
AFFAIR AS PARKING AREA COULD NOT BE OBSERVED.

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CHIEF SPERBER NOTED THAT USUAL KKK SIGNS ANNOUNCING RALLY WERE ABSENT AND ONLY INDICATION OF NKKKK FUNCTION WAS A SMALL SIGN AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE FARM WHICH READ "PARKIE IS HERE" AND CONFEDERATE FLAG BY BARN. NO HOODED KLANSMEN WERE OBSERVED ALTHOUGH [REDACTED] OHIO NKKKK ORGANIZER, WAS OBSERVED. CONTACTS WITH CUYAHOGA AND MEDINA COUNTY SOS, CLEVELAND PD, ALL OF WHICH INDICATE THEY HAVE KLAN SOURCES, THIS DATE, ADVISED THAT THEY HAD NO ADVANCE NOTICE OF ABOVE AND CONTACTS WITH THEIR KLAN SOURCES REVEALED NO KNOWLEDGE OF AFFAIR.

[REDACTED] BOTH RACIAL INFORMANTS-PROBATIONARY, WHO HAVE BEEN INITIATED INTO THE NKKKK, THIS DATE ADVISED THEY HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF ABOVE.

[REDACTED] WAS SUBSEQUENTLY ABLE TO LEARN THAT MEETING WAS AN INITIATION. [REDACTED] WILL ATTEMPT TO DETERMINE NATURE OF MEETING THIS EVENING THROUGH FELLOW KLANSMAN. CINCINNATI WAS TELEPHONICALLY ADVISED.

CLEVELAND WILL IMMEDIATELY MAKE EFFORTS TO FURTHER VERIFY THE NATURE OF AFFAIR AND THE BUREAU WILL THEN  
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TITLE OF CASE  <b>NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)</b>		REPORT MADE BY <b>SA</b>	TYPED BY <b>lmg</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>RACIAL MATTER - KLAN</b>	

REFERENCES

Cleveland airtels to Bureau dated 8/23/65, 9/20/65 and 10/11/65, with attached letterhead memoranda.

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LEADSCLEVELAND:AT AKRON, OHIO

Will follow the forthcoming trial of [redacted] at Akron, Ohio, to determine if the NKKKK will send observers to this trial. Upon receipt of information, will immediately notify the Bureau and interested agencies by airtel, setting forth information in a letterhead memorandum.

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AT CLEVELAND, OHIO

Will closely follow and report on the activities  
of the NKKKK within the Cleveland Division.

INFORMANTS

<u>Identity of Source</u>	<u>Location of Information</u>
[redacted] [redacted] (c) [redacted] [redacted] (c) [redacted] [redacted] (c)	[redacted] (c) CV 100-10261-224 [redacted] (c)
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[redacted]	
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This report is being classified ~~Confidential~~ as information reported from  could reasonably result in the identification of informants of continuing value and thereby compromise their future effectiveness.

No outside dissemination is being made of instant report as the Bureau is aware that the bulk of information incorporated into this report has previously been furnished to local intelligence agencies in the form of letterhead memoranda.

The format for a report on Klan organizations, as noted in the Manual of Instructions, Section 122A, Item b(1) through (6), Page 1, was not utilized as instant report deals primarily with recruiting activities of the NKKKK, and no klaverns have been established in the Cleveland Division to date, nor have such officers been appointed.

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## Copy to:

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SA [REDACTED]

Office: CLEVELAND, OHIO

Date:

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Field Office File #: 100-10261

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Title:

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

Character:

RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

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## Synopsis:

NKKKK held initial Northern Ohio recruiting Rally 8/21 and 22/65, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio; and other NKKKK Rally and initiation held 9/18 and 19/65, near Lodi, Ohio. Both rallies were protested by pickets who represented "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee", W.E.B. DuBois Clubs of America, as well as some individuals with CP background. Initial rally considered success although subsequent rally considered a failure. Estimates of individuals initiated into NKKKK membership, 9/19/65, range from 50-100 persons. NKKKK presently considering having NKKKK observers at the forthcoming Akron, Ohio trial of a Negro accused of killing a white police officer to see that the Negro receives "proper justice".

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## DETAILS:

NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU  
KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A characterization of the NKKKK appears  
as an Appendix attached hereto.

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A. NKKKK RALLY AT BRUNSWICK  
HILLS TOWNSHIP, OHIO,  
AUGUST 21 AND 22, 1965

1. Cancellation of Original  
NKKKK Rally Site at  
Strongsville, Ohio

Chief of Police CHARLES B. SPERBER, Strongsville Police Department, Strongsville, Ohio, on August 17, 1965, informed that the NKKKK plans to hold a rally on Saturday, August 21, 1965, at Strongsville, Ohio. The site of the rally is a vacant 14-acre tract of land which is situated on Whitney Road and a few hundred feet east of Pearl Road (U.S. Highway 42). The tract of land has a frontage of 790 feet on Whitney Road and can be readily located, inasmuch as it abuts the Howard Johnson Restaurant and Motel which is located on the southeast corner of Whitney Road and U.S. Highway 42 and in the immediate proximity of Interchange 10 of the Ohio Turnpike, Strongsville, Ohio.

Chief SPERBER informed that sometime during the latter part of July or early August, 1965, an individual who identified himself as [redacted] of Lebanon, Ohio, contacted him. at which time he [redacted] stated that he was the Ohio [redacted] of the NKKKK and that the NKKKK was considering several sites in Strongsville, Ohio, for a rally to be held August 21, 1965. [redacted] stated that he was contacting Strongsville, Ohio authorities inasmuch as he wanted to comply with the local laws and wished to determine if a permit were needed for such a meeting. He said there would be no violence and that drinking and carrying of guns would be prohibited.

Chief SPERBER noted that [redacted] was advised no permit would be required and such an assembly on private property would not be a violation of any local ordinances.

Chief SPERBER continued to say that [redacted] related the purpose of the meeting would be to register individuals for Klan membership. Registration would commence at 6:00 AM and continue through to 8:00 PM. From 8:00 PM until 10:00 PM,

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there would be a Klan-type religious ceremony, followed by the burning of a cross. He advised that the Klansmen would not wear hoods and also noted that Klan registration is now open to "Catholics". [redacted] added that the speaker for this rally would be JAMES R. VENABLE, National Chairman of the NKKKK, from Georgia. *Ohio*

[redacted] had no estimate of the number of people expected at the rally, although he noted that at a similar NKKKK Rally held during May, 1965, at Lebanon, Ohio, only about a few hundred people were expected, and they were surprised when 8,000 showed up. In this connection,

[redacted] stated that they were seeking a site for the rally which would be easily accessible to individuals wishing to attend the rally and also near a major highway where the activity could be viewed from the road in order to entice people to enter.

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Chief SPERBER stated he subsequently learned that [redacted] property from [redacted] for the August 21, 1965 date. He also learned that JAMES R. VENABLE would arrive in the Cleveland area on August 20, 1965, from Stone Mountain, Georgia, and that VENABLE would be accompanied by [redacted] Klan [redacted] from [redacted] Atlanta, Georgia, who is the Klan [redacted] of Augusta, Georgia, who is a Klan [redacted]. *Ohio*

Chief SPERBER also noted that he has learned of an unconfirmed rumor that 2,000 Negroes from the Ford Motor Company, Brookpark, Ohio, will picket the rally. The Ford Motor Company was contacted, at which time it was learned that the Ford Motor Company employs approximately 8,000 Negroes at their Brookpark plant; however, a Ford Company official doubted that any of these Negroes would picket the NKKKK Rally, inasmuch as they are working seven days a week; work a considerable amount of overtime each day; and are very well off financially to participate in any such activity. This Ford Company official also noted that in the event there was such a plan, this would have to come to the attention of the management through their company "sources".



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Chief SPERBER advised that his entire department is alerted and that the area of the rally will be heavily patrolled to exclude the possibility of any violence. He noted that the Ohio State Highway Patrol has been alerted, and they will have "up to 100 men" on standby for immediate movement into the area, should there be any sign of violence.

Chief SPERBER concluded that there was strong local opposition to the proposed NKKKK meeting and that legal action is presently contemplated by the Howard Johnson Restaurant Corporation to prevent the occurrence of this meeting.

2. NKKKK Activities of  
August 21 and 22, 1965

Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, during August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, furnished information which is set forth as follows:

The NKKKK meeting commenced at 6:00 AM, August 21, 1965, on [redacted] located at the [redacted] and Medina County [redacted] Brunswick Hills Township, Medina County, Ohio. This meeting of the NKKKK was originally scheduled to be held in Strongsville, Ohio, but was switched at the last moment to the Brunswick Hills Township location due to strong opposition in Strongsville, Ohio.

Twelve checkpoints were jointly set up by the Medina County Sheriff's Office and the Ohio State Highway Patrol at all access points leading into the meeting area. At these points, all cars entering the area were physically searched for weapons, as well as a screening of occupants to exclude the possibility of admitting individuals who could be a cause of possible trouble. During the course of the two-day affair, some 25 weapons were confiscated. These weapons included revolvers, rifles, shotguns, baseball bats, knives, and a tear gas bomb. Approximately 300 law enforcement officers were on hand at the scene of the rally site and checkpoints during the two-day period.



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A Law Enforcement Command Post was set up on a farm on U. S. Highway 42 across from the NKKKK rally site, and arrangements were made to reinforce law enforcement officers present in case of the eruption of a riot.

During the course of the day, [redacted] Ohio Organizer of the NKKKK, took strong objection to the utilization of the checkpoints by the law enforcement agencies and was vehement that there was no need for such a procedure. However, it was pointed out to [redacted] that at that point a carbine and ammunition had already been confiscated as a result of the checkpoints.

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A vacant cement [redacted] property was utilized as headquarters for the NKKKK Rally, and above this structure flew a Confederate flag and a flag of the United States. This cement block structure was also set up to handle registrations for membership into the NKKKK. A wooden platform complete with a public address system was erected for speeches.

During the morning and afternoon registration on August 21, 1965, there was no more than 50 or 60 individuals at the NKKKK site at any one time, and the peak crowd at the night festivities is estimated at 500 people, although NKKKK officials estimated the crowd at between 3,000 and 5,000. NKKKK officials would reveal no information as to the number of individuals who registered for NKKKK membership.

At about 8:00 PM, August 21, 1965, a group of about 25 pickets in five cars appeared in the vicinity of the NKKKK rally site. They identified themselves as the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee" and carried signs which read "The KKK Preaches a Super Race--As Hitler Did", "Klansmen are American Nazis" and "I'm a Catholic, Can I Join?" These pickets assembled on the west side of U. S. Highway 42 opposite to the NKKKK rally site and were composed of both males and females of the white and Negro races who appeared to be college students of college age. Although both groups, the picketers and those at the NKKKK Rally, shouted insulting remarks at one another, there was no violence.

Pickets, as well as those in attendance at the NKKKK Rally, were kept on opposite sides of U. S. Highway 42 by law enforcement officers.



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During the evening hours on August 21, 1965, JAMES R. VENABLE, National Chairman of the NKKKK, gave a short speech in which he advised that the Klan feels there is a place for the colored man in the United States but that God did not mean that the colored should be integrated with the white man. He advised that all white Christians were invited to join the NKKKK with the exception of those white people who owe their allegiance to powers in foreign lands, such as Catholics and Jews. He noted that recent riots in Los Angeles, California, have added thousands of new Klan members to their rolls. He also noted that he was satisfied with the present rally, although he was disappointed by the roadblocks put up by the law enforcement agencies. He announced that the site would be opened on Sunday, August 22, 1965, for the sole purpose of registering new members into the NKKKK.

[redacted] of the NKKKK, also gave a short speech which was substantially the same as VENABLE's, and further noted "the police are making the area a police state" and have turned away people who wanted to come to the rally.

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Following the speeches, a 25 foot cross was burned at 9:30 PM, signifying the close of the meeting. As the cross slowly burned, the pickets and those in attendance at the NKKKK Rally slowly dispersed in small groups, and by 10:00 PM, the crowd was dissipated. At 10:15 PM, the area was considered secured, and law enforcement officers departed.

On Sunday, August 22, 1965, the registration for new NKKKK members commenced at the same site at approximately 8:00 AM and was closed at approximately 5:00 PM. No speeches were given and the public address system had already been dismantled. No more than 30 to 40 cars were observed in the parking lot at any one time.

It was learned that JAMES R. VENABLE had issued instructions to [redacted] NKKKK meeting within six weeks at the same location or in Strongsville, Ohio.

During the course of the two-day affair, no arrests were made, nor were there any acts of violence.



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### 3. Counter-NKKKK Rally Activities

#### General

[redacted] on [redacted], informed that [redacted] whom he describes as a militant Negress active in the civil rights movement in the Cleveland, Ohio, area, contacted him on [redacted] to advise that "they", referring to civil rights workers, were organizing a group to "heckle" the NKKKK meeting during the evening of August 21, 1965, at Strongsville, Ohio. [redacted] noted that the group was going there "peacefully"; however, [redacted] indicated that should they be met with violence, they would not back away from their intended purpose.

#### Possible Communist Party (CP) and Congress of Racial Equality (CORE) Participation

[redacted] on [redacted], informed that [redacted] contacted him that date to advise that [redacted] was considering sending pickets to the NKKKK Rally of August 21, 1965, although specific plans had not been formalized. [redacted] advised that she intended to attend as a picket.

[redacted] who has furnished information to the U. S. Government, is a self-admitted member of the CP whose cooperation with the U. S. Government was publicly disclosed on June 5, 1962. [redacted] reported on February 17, 1961, that [redacted] to be a member of the Heights Club of the CP of Cleveland, Ohio, as of April, 1960.

[redacted] on [redacted], advised that he was in contact with [redacted] at which time [redacted] advised that there would be no use to attempt to go to the NKKKK Rally to picket as the police were not letting anyone into the area. [redacted] advised that because of the widespread news coverage of the fact that the police were excluding individuals from the area and, in particular, Negroes who might be the cause of some violence, CORE plans to picket the NKKKK Rally were abandoned.

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A characterization of the WWP and MDC appears as an Appendix attached hereto.

[redacted] on August 23, 1965, informed that [redacted] and [redacted] were the only individuals he is positive who attended the NKKKK Rally on August 21, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, and that they participated in the picket demonstration against the NKKKK Rally. He noted that [redacted] participated under the name of the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee" and that [redacted] as successful in recruiting other individuals to join in the picketing. He noted that he is presently unaware of the identity of these other individuals; however, he believes that for the most part they were students from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio. However, he did note that they all participated under the name of the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee".

[redacted] advised on September 2, 1963, that [redacted] was in attendance at the WWP Labor Day Conference held in New York City, August 31, 1963.

[redacted] on August 20, 1965, advised he had received a one-page mimeographed letter on August 19, 1965, postmarked Youngstown, Ohio, which he believed had been sent to him by [redacted] Youngstown, Ohio.

[redacted] made available the one-page mimeographed letter, which was captioned "Oppose the K.K.K." and was addressed "Dear Brothers and Sisters". That letter stated there would be a picket-line demonstration against the Ku Klux Klan on Saturday, August 21, 1965, starting at 6:30 PM (Daylight Savings Time), 5:30 PM, Eastern Standard Time. The demonstrators were instructed to meet near the Howard Johnson Restaurant on Route 42, one block north of the Ohio Turnpike Interchange #10, south of Cleveland, Ohio, and noted the Klan rally would be one block away. The letter noted the Klan rally would be located at Strongsville, Ohio.

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The letter stated that for more information, call

[redacted] Cleveland, telephone [redacted] and [redacted] Youngstown, telephone [redacted]

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The letter was signed "Fraternally, Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee, [redacted] Chairman."

[redacted] also advised that he learned on the night of August 19, 1965, that [redacted] both students at Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio, plan to attend the proposed demonstration. In addition, the source learned that [redacted] from Columbus, Ohio, also plans to attend. According to the source, those individuals could be expected to participate in any counter-demonstration of the Klan rally.

[redacted] ascertained that there would be three to six automobiles reportedly traveling from Columbus, Ohio, to participate in the proposed demonstration sponsored by the Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee. The source did not know the license numbers of the automobiles or the identities of their proposed occupants.

[redacted] identified [redacted] as among the participants in a demonstration at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Fairborn, Ohio, on August 6, 1965, held in commemoration of the bombing of Hiroshima, Japan, and protesting United States actions in Viet-Nam.

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On May 8, 1964, [redacted] advised that in March, 1964, [redacted] Hamilton, Ohio, who was formerly of Columbus, Ohio, had indicated he felt he had wasted several years working in left wing socialist groups and decided he could make better use of his time by joining the Socialist Workers Party (SWP); so [redacted] had applied for SWP membership.

The SWP has been designated by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

[redacted] on September 8, 1965, informed that [redacted] on August 31, 1965, related only about 30 pickets showed up at the NKKKK Rally at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, and they were



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so divided by the end of the night that he wished the whole demonstration had never been planned. [ ] mentioned that a rock was hurled at the demonstrators by the Klan's people which almost hit [ ] threw the rock back at the Klan's people and was preparing for trouble when the police halted the disturbance.

4. Ohio State Highway Patrol  
Assessment of NKKKK Rally

By report dated August 22, 1965, Case Number 3-157-10, the Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP) advised that its assessment of the NKKKK Rally at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, is as follows:

There was a crowd of approximately 600 persons who attended the rally on the evening of August 21, 1965. It would appear that most of this crowd was men who came alone. There were a few families who attended with their children.

It would appear that a great number of the crowd were young hoodlums who came more out of curiosity than for any other reason.

From the reporting officers' observation, it would appear that the attendance at the rally did not come up to expectations.

5. Klan Assessment of Rally

[ ] on August 27, 1965, informed that the NKKKK Rally at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, was considered a success by Klan leaders present. Approximately 280 individuals signed up for Klan membership, and most of them paid their \$15.00 dues or a portion thereof.

[ ] also informed that 20 Catholics were permitted to make application for NKKKK membership. However, he noted that the National Board of the NKKKK, which is to meet at Stone Mountain, Georgia, over the Labor Day, 1965 weekend, will make the final decision as to whether or not Catholics will be allowed to join the Klan.

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6. Indicators of Violence

[redacted] on August 27, 1965, informed that during the NKKKK Rally on August 22, 1965, a young man stole an application blank from the registration desk and ran off. He was chased but was not caught; however, another young man, believed to be an accomplice of the first young man, was seized and was taken to the camping trailer of [redacted] an NKKKK leader from Grove City, Ohio, which was parked at the rally site. This youth, who appeared to be in his middle 20's, was questioned, hit and kicked several times and told to get off the property.

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[redacted] on August 30, 1965, informed that [redacted] Ohio NKKKK Organizer, on August 24, 1965, stated that someone ought to put a torch to the property which is owned by individuals who cooperated with law enforcement agencies who policed the NKKKK Rally at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio. [redacted] noted that no actual steps have been taken in this direction.

B. NKKKK RALLY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1965,  
AND NKKKK INITIATION, SEPTEMBER 19,  
1965, NEAR LODI, OHIO

1. Announcement and Preparation  
for Rally

[redacted] on September 15, 1965, advised of the receipt of an undated letter from [redacted] Ohio [redacted] of the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio, advising of an NKKKK Rally to be held from 10:00 AM to 11:00 PM, Saturday, September 18, 1965, at a farm located at U. S. Highway No. 224 and County Road No. 28, two and one-half miles west of Lodi, Ohio. This letter notes that "people" from Georgia will be attending; that there will be speakers at the burning of a fiery cross. The letter continues that an initiation of new members into the NKKKK will be held at the same location at 10:00 AM, Sunday, September 19, 1965. This letter continues that the receiver should tell no one of the initiation and that the letter will serve as a pass to the initiation. Further, that everyone will be assigned to a Klavern in the next couple of weeks.



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[redacted] on September 15, 1965, confirmed the above information. He related that the NKKKK Rally will not be as large as the last NKKKK Rally held August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, inasmuch as the forthcoming rally was given very little newspaper publicity. This source advised that arrangements to lease this land near Lodi, Ohio, were made by [redacted] with the owner of the farm, at [redacted]

This source noted that no violence is anticipated, and there is no indication to date that anti-Klan groups will demonstrate against the rally. However, he did disclose that a .38 caliber pistol and a British rifle were previously brought into the [redacted] farm for their "self-protection" should any anti-Klan groups or individuals take direct action with arms against the Klan.

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Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, on September 15, 1965, advised he was cognizant of the NKKKK functions to be held near Lodi, Ohio, on September 18 and 19, 1965. He noted that his department has jurisdiction inasmuch as the property in question is in the county and further that he anticipates his department will take the necessary action to prevent the possibility of any violence.

## 2. Activities of September 18 and 19, 1965

Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART, Sheriff of Medina County, Medina, Ohio, during September 18 and 19, 1965, furnished information concerning the functions of the NKKKK held on September 18 and 19, 1965, at the [redacted] located

[redacted]  
[redacted] of Lodi, Medina County, Ohio.

Sheriff STUART advised that a rally of the NKKKK commenced at approximately 10:00 AM, September 18, 1965, on [redacted] and continued until about 9:15 PM, when a 30 foot wooden cross was burned. At about 6:00 PM, speeches eulogizing the Klan and the Klan movement, as well as the need of segregation of the white and Negro races, were given by various Klan officials.



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Sheriff STUART noted that approximately two hundred individuals attended the rally. He noted that the entire area was kept under observation, although no automobiles were stopped and searched to determine if weapons were being taken into the rally site. He stated that no automobiles were stopped to preclude the possibility of an allegation of harassment or that the Sheriff's Office was interfering with the Klan's right to assemble.

Sheriff STUART advised that on September 19, 1965, the NKKKK continued its activities at [redacted] which included two separate initiations for new members which were held in secret sessions in one of the farm buildings on the [redacted] STUART estimates approximately one hundred fifty individuals were on [redacted] at this time, although he had no idea of the number of individuals who were initiated into the NKKKK.

Sheriff STUART also advised that he entered upon [redacted] during the morning of September 19, 1965, armed with a search warrant issued by the Court of Common Pleas for Medina County, Medina, Ohio. He noted that he located a .32 caliber automatic revolver and a .22 caliber rifle in a car belonging to [redacted] of Columbus, Ohio. He also searched a small house trailer belonging to [redacted] a Klansman from Grove City, Ohio, wherein he located a shotgun and a .38 caliber Smith and Wesson pistol. Inasmuch as the above noted guns were not in the possession of any individual, no one was arrested and the guns were not confiscated.

During the search, JAMES R. VENABLE, National Chairman of the NKKKK, and [redacted] of the NKKKK, both orally objected to STUART regarding his search on the [redacted] although they made no attempt to interfere with the search.

During the search, it was apparent to Sheriff STUART that [redacted] was highly upset over the search and he [redacted] informed that the NKKKK would hold an NKKKK Rally in Ohio every week. Sheriff STUART replied to the effect that every time the NKKKK holds a rally in Medina County, the NKKKK would find the

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Medina County Sheriff's Office carrying out its duty to prevent any violence. Sheriff STUART felt that [ ] was highly irritated over the presence of his department at the rally site, and in particular the search, and was so advising him of the weekly meetings as a form of harassment.

[ ] on September 18, 1965, informed that he learned a group of NKKKK leaders from Ohio were at the farm [ ] during the late evening of September 17, 1965, in preparation for the NKKKK functions of September 18 and 19, 1965. These individuals stayed overnight to guard [ ]

[ ] further advised he learned that the Klansmen possessed between 10 and 12 hand weapons together with ammunition and that at least part of the firearms were hidden in a hay barn on [ ]

At approximately 10:30 to 11:00 PM, September 17, 1965, [ ] an Ohio NKKKK [ ] from Grove City, Ohio, arrived in a private car accompanied by two or three Klansmen from Kentucky. [ ] learned that [ ] house trailer, which usually accompanies him to NKKKK functions, was to arrive later at the site. However, to the best of his knowledge, [ ] the trailer was not being utilized for the Klan to transport firearms. [ ] described [ ] trailer as a small camping type house trailer, about 10 to 12 feet long, predominantly white in color, although there may be a minor contrasting color, and can be easily identified by Klan stickers appearing on the outside of the trailer. [ ] noted that as of the earlier AM of September 18, 1965, instant trailer had not yet arrived at [ ] farm, although he observed it at the site during the early afternoon of September 18, 1965.

[ ] continued that he would estimate several hundred attended the rally on September 18, 1965, and that JAMES R. VENABLE and [ ] of the NKKKK, represented the national organization and gave speeches at the rally. VENABLE and [ ] arrived at Cleveland, Ohio, from Atlanta, Georgia, by way of a United Air Lines flight which arrived at approximately 2:00 PM. They were picked up at the Cleveland Airport by [ ] and arrived at the rally site at approximately 3:30 PM.

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On September 19, 1965, [ ] noted that a secret initiation of new Klan members into the NKKKK was held in the hay barn on [ ] farm. Klansmen attired in black pants and black shirts guarded the outside of the barn to forestall a possibility of a raid by the Sheriff's Office and likewise Klan guards were stationed by each window on the inside of the barn to prevent anyone from looking into the barn to witness the secret ceremonies. [ ] advised that the secret ceremony took place at exactly 10:30 AM and that anyone not present at that time was excluded from entering.

[ ] advised that approximately 75 individuals were initiated into the NKKKK as Probationary Klansmen.

[ ] further noted that a secret initiation was held at approximately 3:00 PM to accommodate those individuals who were late for the first initiation. Approximately 18 individuals were initiated, and this ceremony was shortened to approximately 45 minutes, in contrast to the three hour initiation in the morning.

[ ] revealed that VENABLE and [ ] departed the [ ] farm following the last initiation in order to catch a United or Trans World Airlines flight departing Cleveland at approximately 6:05 PM for Atlanta.

[ ] advised he learned that the NKKKK contemplates only one more rally in Ohio for this year, and that both Columbus and Youngstown, Ohio, are under consideration.

[ ] on September 18, 1965, informed that he would estimate approximately 75 individuals were at the NKKKK Rally during the afternoon of that date at the farm of [ ] near Lodi, Ohio. He noted that JAMES R. VENABLE and [ ] arrived at [ ] site by car at about 3:30 PM. The car bore Ohio license plates and was driven by [ ]

[ ] stated that he spoke to [ ] VENABLE and [ ] and they were dismayed over the presence of the Medina County Sheriff's Office, although automobiles entering the rally site were not being stopped and searched. These individuals

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anticipated no trouble with anti-Klan demonstrators inasmuch as they learned that the Sheriff's Office was not allowing pickets near the rally site.

[redacted] on September 19, 1965, informed that at exactly 10:30 AM, September 19, 1965, a secret initiation of individuals into the NKKKK commenced in the hay barn on [redacted] farm and ended at approximately 1:15 PM.

The officiating Klansmen wore robes and hoods and the barn was locked, and at each window a Klan guard was posted. In front of the robed Klansmen was a table draped with a flag of the United States and a Confederate flag. On top of the flags was a Bible, a butcher knife and a ceremonial container of baptismal water. Prior to the commencement of the ceremonies those about to be initiated were given a chance to leave should they have an ulterior motive for joining.

Initiation speeches were given by JAMES R. VENABLE, [redacted] and an unidentified woman from Georgia. The new members were warned that they would be continuously watched and that the Klan was aware the FBI would try to infiltrate the NKKKK as they had done so in the past. In the regard the group was warned that should any one of the new members be found to be working on behalf of the FBI, they would meet with serious consequences.

This group was initiated as Probationary Klansmen and were given secret handshakes and signals. [redacted] then advised that local Klaverns would be set up in about six weeks.

[redacted] estimates that about 80 to 100 people were initiated.

[redacted] on September 18 and 19, 1965, noted that [redacted] of the farm on which the NKKKK Rally took place, was openly wearing a .22 caliber pistol during both of these days and advised [redacted] on September 18, 1965, that should any individual demonstrating against the Klan step on his private property, he would shoot the intruder.

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3. Counter-NKKKK Rally Activities

"Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee"

[redacted] on September 18, 1965, informed that [redacted] of Youngstown, Ohio, departed Youngstown that date to participate in an anti-Klan picket demonstration that evening at an NKKKK Rally being held near Lodi, Ohio. [redacted] noted that [redacted] were organizing this picket demonstration under the name of the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee". Further, that the name "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee" was used in a recent picket demonstration against the NKKKK Rally held August 21 and 22, 1965, at Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio. [redacted] noted that [redacted] is a member of the WWP and [redacted] for the MDC.

Sheriff NORMAN J. STUART advised that approximately 8:00 PM, September 18, 1965, 31 individuals, mostly of college age, and both of the white and Negro races, appeared at the rally site to protest the presence of the NKKKK in Ohio. They identified themselves as the "Ohio Friends of MAE MALLORY Committee".

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Sheriff STUART noted that he made these demonstrators stay on the south side of U. S. Highway 224, well away from the rally site, in order to prevent the possibility of violence. These demonstrators remained at this location until the cross was burned, and they then departed.

In addition, Sheriff STUART noted that at 4:00 AM, September 19, 1965, ten college-age boys and girls appeared at the vicinity of the rally site with the intent to picket the rally. They identified themselves as students from Ashland College, Ashland, Ohio. They were prevented from entering the rally site and they therefore departed.

Sheriff STUART noted that no violence or any incidents accompanied these anti-Klan demonstrations.

[redacted] advised that he learned the Klan was attempting to obtain "rotten eggs" to throw at any anti-Klan demonstrators should they appear at the rally site. However, [redacted] noted that when the picket demonstrators



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did appear at the rally site the evening of September 18, 1965, they were kept well away from the rally site, which prevented any provocations.

[redacted] on September 18, 1965, informed that [redacted] of Youngstown, Ohio, had some concern about picketing the NKKKK Rally inasmuch as they heard that a Klan spokesman had previously warned that there "would be trouble if this kind of scum picket out meetings."

4. Medina County Sheriff's Office  
Assessment of NKKKK Rally

By report dated September 21, 1965, the Medina County Sheriff's Office noted that an assessment of the crowd at the NKKKK Rally on September 18 and 19, 1965, at its peak would be 450. The majority of those in attendance were sight-seers who were there to see the burning of the cross, because immediately after the cross was burned, most of the people left. The pickets also departed after the cross burning.

The NKKKK Rally is reported to be a colossal flop.

5. Klan Assessment of Rally

[redacted] on September 29, 1965, informed that the NKKKK Rally near Lodi, Ohio, on September 18 and 19, 1965, was considered a failure. Approximately 22 applications were received from interested individuals.

6. Estimate of Number of Individuals  
Initiated into NKKKK on September 19, 1965

It should be noted that [redacted] previously reported 93 individuals were inducted into the NKKKK on September 19, 1965, and [redacted] previously estimated that about 80 to 100 people were initiated.

[redacted] on September 29, 1965, informed that approximately 50 individuals were initiated into the NKKKK on September 19, 1965.

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C. MISCELLANEOUS NKKKK ACTIVITY

On October 1, 1965, [redacted] Police Department, Akron, Ohio, furnished SA [redacted] the following information:

On September 30, 1965, [redacted] Akron, Ohio, appeared at the Akron Police Department on his own volition and conferred with [redacted] and other officials of this department. He identified himself as the Akron, Ohio [redacted] the NKKKK. He gave his address as set forth above and said he is a [redacted] in Cleveland, Ohio, actually located in Berea, Ohio. He said he plans on forming an NKKKK protest meeting on October 18-19, 1965, at Goodyear Metropolitan Park, Newton Street, Akron. He explained he wanted to rent the Shelter House in that park and wanted to know what procedure to follow. He said the meeting was not an actual protest but designed to see that justice would be served in the forthcoming trial of [redacted] which commences on October 18, 1965, in Akron.

[redacted] pointed out that [redacted] both Negroes, were arrested in Akron in April, 1965, for the shooting of three officers of the Akron Police Department. Officer EUGENE HOOPER was fatally wounded and [redacted] were both critically wounded. The latter two remain partially paralyzed as a result of their wounds. At the time of the shooting, [redacted] were being arrested as armed robbery suspects. [redacted] trial is to commence October 18, 1965, in Akron. The trial for [redacted] will be subsequent to [redacted] The three officers involved are all white.

[redacted] continued that [redacted] at first wanted to know if three representatives of the NKKKK could be present in the courtroom to observe the proceedings. He was told that as far as the Police Department knew, the trial would be open to the public. [redacted] was asked why he wanted somebody from the Klan there, and he replied he was only interested in seeing that [redacted] received the "proper justice" [redacted] was also told that the Akron Police Department would appreciate it very much if the Klan did not cause any demonstrations during this

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trial as they had worked long and hard on this case, and they do not want to have anything occur wherein the defense could claim prejudice or mistrial. In this connection, the attorney for [ ] is currently requesting a change of venue on the basis this case has received so much publicity that his client cannot expect to get a fair trial as he has already been "publicly condemned". No ruling as yet has been made.

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According to [ ] at the end of the interview, [ ] had not yet decided if he would carry through his initial plans.



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The constitution further states this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals or, if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

[redacted] source advised in April, 1965, the headquarters of the organization continues to be located at 1953 1/2 McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

[redacted] sources have advised that at the Founding Convention two officers were elected: [redacted]

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[redacted] source advised on October 26, 1962, [redacted] attended a CP recruiting class held at 1579 Scenic Avenue, Berkeley, California.

[redacted] source advised that Carl Bloice, reporter for the "People's World," was, on April 3, 1964, elected to the newly organized San Francisco County Committee of the CP.

The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.

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WORKERS WORLD PARTY

On April 17, 1959, a source advised that on February 12, 1959, a Socialist Workers Party (SWP) minority group, under the leadership of National Committee member, Sam Ballan, split from the SWP.

The source stated this minority group, referred to as the Marcyites, after many years of program and policy differences on varied issues concerning tactics and interpretation of political events split from the SWP on the grounds that the Party was liquidating itself by departing from the Marxist precepts of Leon Trotsky and retreating from the fight for the world socialist revolution. The final issue which ultimately forced the split was the minority's opposition to the SWP regroupment policy which involved cooperation with the Communist Party (CP) periphery - individuals characterized by the minority as petty-bourgeois.

The minority program, according to the source, advocates unconditional defense of the Soviet Union and has as its goal the building of a revolutionary party with a complete proletarian orientation for the purpose of overthrowing capitalism in the United States and throughout the world.

On May 12, 1960, the source advised this minority group had chosen the name Workers World Party.

On May 3, 1965, [ ] source advised the Workers World Party, which maintains headquarters at 46 West 21st Street, New York, New York supports the People's Republic of China in its ideological dispute with the Soviet Union.

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The SWP and the CP have been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.





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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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100-10261

Cleveland, Ohio

Title	NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)
Character	RACIAL MATTER - KLAN
Reference	Report of SA [REDACTED] dated and captioned as above, at Cleveland, Ohio.

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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

Except [REDACTED], contact with whom has been insufficient to judge their reliability.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF KU KLUX KLAN  
(NKKKK)  
RACIAL MATTER - KLAN

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Re Cleveland teletype to Bureau and Cincinnati  
10/17/65.

Enclosed for the Bureau are the original and  
seven copies of a LHM captioned as above.

Copies of the enclosed have also been disseminated  
locally to the appropriate military Intelligence Agencies,  
Secret Service, and the office of the USA. One copy has  
also been furnished to the Cincinnati Office.

The confidential source mentioned in the  
enclosed is [redacted] (PROB), who furnished information  
to SA [redacted] of the Cincinnati Division on  
October 17, 1965.

The Bureau's attention is directed to referenced  
teletype wherein [redacted] was inadvertently set  
forth as [redacted] His correct name is [redacted]

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Cleveland, Ohio  
October 18, 1965

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
INCORPORATED  
(NKKKK)

On October 17, 1965, a source, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that one [redacted] an NKKKK member, residing on [redacted] Akron, Ohio, reportedly planned to burn a cross and set off a charge of dynamite in a public park in Akron, Ohio, on the night of October 17, 1965. The source stated that [redacted] may be accompanied by one [redacted] of Akron, Ohio, and that the park in question may be identical with the one in which [redacted] [redacted], Akron, Ohio, had previously attempted to rent for a Klan demonstration.

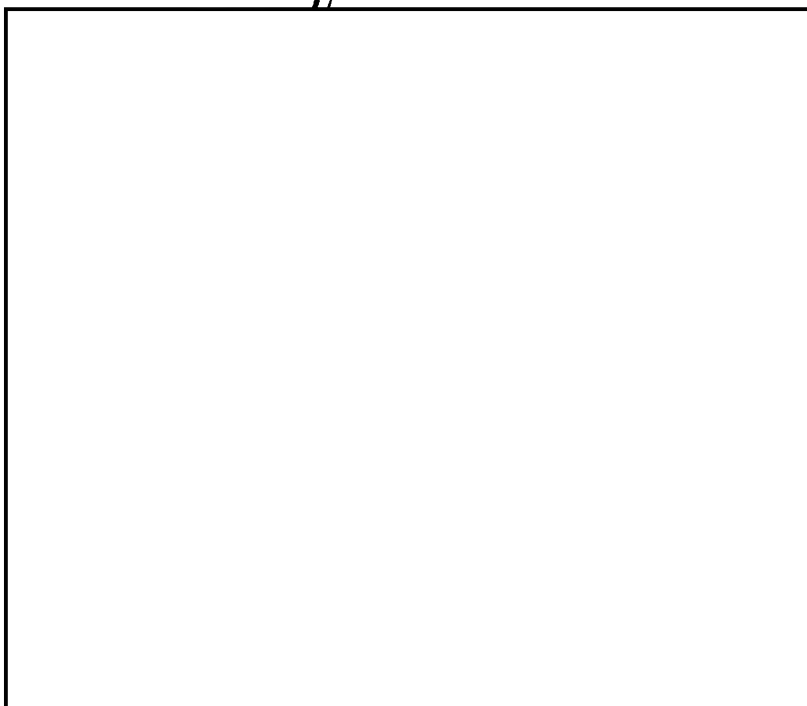
On October 17, 1965, the above information was furnished to the Akron, Ohio Police Department. At this time, [redacted] Bureau, advised that several days previous, one [redacted], Akron, Ohio, who described himself as [redacted] the Ohio NKKKK, had requested permission for three Klan members to appear at the trial of [redacted] a Negro, who was to begin trial on October 18, 1965, for the murder of an Akron Police Officer in April, 1965. [redacted] stated that [redacted] also inquired about renting the Goodyear Metropolitan Park in Akron for a Klan demonstration to be held in connection with [redacted] trial to "insure [redacted] received appropriate justice". [redacted] stated that an effort was made to dissuade [redacted] regarding the projected demonstration, but that as a precautionary measure, the Akron Police Department planned to conduct a surveillance at the Goodyear Metropolitan Park during the evening of October 17, 1965.

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RE: NKKKK

[REDACTED] Bureau, advised on October 17, 1965, that Akron Officers observed four men in the Goodyear Metropolitan Park at approximately 8:30 p.m., on October 17, 1965. These men were carrying a large cross which they attempted to erect in a hole from which they had removed a fence post. When approached by the surveying officers, one of the men fled the scene, but was shortly apprehended. This individual was identified as [REDACTED] Akron, Ohio, and at the time of his apprehension, he was carrying a loaded .357 Magnum Derringer. The three remaining individuals identified themselves as follows:



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The four men were placed under arrest and charged with "injuring public property". During a search of the park area, Akron Officers were unable to locate any dynamite or other explosive materials. A truck parked in the vicinity, which was registered to Market Motors West, was searched with negative results.



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On October 18, 1965, [ ] advised that the four arrested persons appeared in Akron Municipal Court on that date and all pled guilty to the charge of "injuring public property". [ ] were given 30-day sentences, 27 days of which were suspended, and fined \$50 each. [ ] received a suspended 30-day sentence and a fine of \$25. In addition, LONG was charged with carrying a concealed weapon and was bound over to the Grand Jury. [ ] [ ] admitted they are members of the NKKKK, but stated that [ ] has no Klan affiliations, and was with them merely to assist in the erection of the cross.

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FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)  
RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)  
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ReCVteletype to Bureau, 10/18/65.

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Two copies of the LHM has been designated for the local office of Secret Service and the local offices of G-2, ONI, OSI and the USA are each being furnished one copy of the LHM in view of their interest in this matter.

The office of origin is being furnished two copies of the LHM and the CI Office is being furnished three copies of the LHM in view of the participation of subjects of the CI Office.

The Confidential Source mentioned in the LHM is [redacted] Confidential Source is [redacted] have been initiated into the NKKKK and are racial informants - probationary.

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(1 - [redacted])  
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Approved: [redacted] Special Agent in Charge

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For the further info of the Bureau, [redacted]  
[redacted] went to the farm of [redacted] Oregonia, Ohio, on  
10/20/65, on the excuse of delivering to [redacted] some  
pending NKKKK applications, although, the real purpose  
of this contact was to discreetly determine from [redacted]  
any additional details concerning the NKKKK initiation  
of [redacted] however, [redacted] was not home when informant  
arrived at [redacted] residence.

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This LHM is classified ~~confidential~~ since info  
reported by the above two informants could reasonably result in  
their identification and thereby compromise their future  
effectiveness.

The Cleveland Office will continue to follow  
and report NKKKK activities.





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October 21, 1965

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NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE  
KU KLUX KLAN, INC. (NKKKK)

A characterization of the NKKKK appears as  
an appendix attached hereto.

NKKKK Initiation Held 10/17/65  
at Strongsville, Ohio

[redacted]  
Chief of Police CHARLES B. SPERBER, Strongsville Police  
Department, Strongsville, Ohio, on October 18, 1965, revealed  
that the NKKKK held a gathering on the farm of [redacted]  
[redacted] Strongsville, Ohio, on Sunday, October 17,  
1965.

Chief SPERBER related that the Strongsville Police  
Department had no advance knowledge of this affair and only  
learned that it was being held when a [redacted]  
[redacted] noticed an unusual number of cars  
entering [redacted] farm. [redacted] immediately reported this  
matter to the Strongsville Police Department.

Chief SPERBER stated that he and another police  
officer proceeded to [redacted] farm, where they briefly  
spoke to [redacted] advised that [redacted]  
was very belligerent and when asked the reason for the  
large number of cars on his property, [redacted] replied that  
it was none of the Police Department's business and they  
should get off of his property.

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It was estimated that there were approximately 50 cars in [ ] cow pasture.

Chief SPERBER noted that there were no KKK signs at the site nor were there any "NKKKK" signs pointing out the route to the farm as were evident in previous NKKKK rallies held in the area. He also noted that there were no hooded Klansmen present. He did note that a small sign which read, [ ] "Is Here" was posted at the entrance to [ ] farm which he feels identified the farm for those attending. He surmises that the [ ] referred to in the sign is [ ] of the NKKKK from Oregonia, Ohio, inasmuch as throughout the remainder of the day, he occasionally saw [ ] whom he personally knows, on [ ] property.

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Chief SPERBER stated that he immediately took up a surveillance of the area. Shortly after the inception of the affair, which was at approximately 10:00 AM and he continued the surveillance until the last of the participators departed around 3:00 PM. About 100 automobiles were observed during this period traveling on Boston Road towards the [ ] farm. He noted that because of the terrain and limited manpower, he could not definitely establish if all these cars actually entered [ ] farm. He stated that at least one or two individuals, mostly men, were noted in each car and that a possible total of 150 cars could have entered [ ] farm, including those initially observed in the cow pasture. He specifically pointed out that he was unable to cover the parking area due to the terrain and heavy brush that hid this parking area from view.

Chief SPERBER noted that his department was able to observe a barn on [ ] property, where it was apparent the gathering was taking place. In this respect, he noted that usually one or two individuals would gather at the barn entrance and when a small gathering was present, the group would then be admitted into the barn. These same individuals would then depart in about an hour.

As these individuals would gather at the barn entrance, it appeared that they were being check out by one or two men and at times [ ] was observed talking to these men.

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Chief SPERBER concluded that the meeting was orderly and no incidents occurred.

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[redacted] Strongsville, Ohio, on October 19, 1965, informed that on Sunday, October 17, 1965, at approximately 10:00 AM, [redacted] an unusually large number of automobiles enter the [redacted] farm.

[redacted] stated that [redacted] was at the time. [redacted] and when [redacted] farm, noted an American and Confederate flag flying in the field near [redacted] barn. [redacted] immediately became suspicious and notified the Strongsville Police Department.

[redacted] stated that during the remainder of the day, [redacted] very cognizant that something was going on at [redacted] farm and estimates that "at least 100 cars" entered and left [redacted] property during the day. [redacted] noted that

[redacted] saw [redacted] who is known to [redacted] another individual, unknown [redacted] checking cars as they entered [redacted] farm. [redacted] stated that [redacted] is a good friend of [redacted] and that both he and [redacted] are employed by the Ford Motor Company, Cleveland.

[redacted] resides at [redacted] which is located on [redacted] Strongsville, Ohio.

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[redacted] Strongsville, Ohio, on October 19, 1965, identified [redacted] as [redacted] stated that [redacted] cognizant of the Klan affair on the [redacted] on Sunday, October 17, 1965. [redacted] noted that although [redacted]

[redacted] stated that [redacted] at approximately 10:00 AM, cars began to enter [redacted] farm. At this time and throughout the day, each car was checked by an individual known to [redacted] of Strongsville, Ohio, and another individual, unknown [redacted]. These cars would proceed to a parking area in a cow pasture and the occupants would then walk to the [redacted] barn. At the front of the barn, these men would

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again be checked by two other unknown individuals and when a small group of men would be assembled, they would jointly be admitted into the barn. As soon as these men would enter the barn [redacted] possibly amplified, as though some sort of a ceremony was taking place; however, although this voice was audible, [redacted] could not discern what the individual was saying. In about 45 minutes to one hour, the voice would stop and the group of men would then depart the barn and proceed to their vehicles at which time they immediately left the premises.

[redacted] noted that this procedure continued throughout the day until the last group departed around 3:00 PM. [redacted] advised [redacted] so scared and excited that [redacted]

"there must have been 200 men there during the day."

[redacted] noted [redacted] on [redacted] was a member of the Klan [redacted] [redacted] also made the statement that the people at the Klan affair were a fine bunch of individuals and she did remark that [redacted] not sure if there would be any more Klan affairs at their farm.

[redacted] advised that [redacted] has always been surly in his relations towards [redacted] and although [redacted] know if he is a member of the Klan, feels that, "Money is his god and he would do anything to get it." In this respect, [redacted] he could have rented the farm to the Klan for the monetary gain.

A Confidential Source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, but who has some knowledge of NKKKK activities, on October 19, 1965, advised that on October 18, 1965, he learned the NKKKK gathering on October 17, 1965, at [redacted] farm, Strongsville, Ohio, was a secret initiation of new members into the NKKKK. In this respect, he stated that the NKKKK held their last initiation September 19, 1965, near Lodi, Ohio; however, there were numerous individuals who indicated they would be

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unable to attend this initiation and consequently, were initiated on October 17, 1965.

He stated that he was unaware that this initiation was to take place and further learned that other members of the NK KKK in the Cleveland area were also unaware of this initiation.

[ ] Confidential Source, contact with whom has been insufficient to judge his reliability, but who has some knowledge of NK KKK activities, on October 21, 1965, related that on October 18, 1965, he determined that the NK KKK affair held October 17, 1965, at Strongsville, Ohio, was an initiation of new members into the NK KKK. These were individuals that were unable to attend the prior initiation held during September, 1965, near Lodi, Ohio.

He stated that all arrangements for the affair were personally handled by [ ] and no one other than [ ] personal entourage from southern Ohio, those individuals to be initiated, and a select group from the Strongsville area, who are friends of [ ] were cognizant of this affair. He pointed out that not even those individuals who are members of the NK KKK or were previously initiated into the NK KKK at the last initiation, possessed any information concerning the initiation of October 17, 1965.

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APPENDIX

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NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY

On May 19, 1965, a source stated that the National Renaissance Party (NRP) is an anti-Semitic, anti-Christian, anti-Negro, and neo-Fascist organization with activities generally confined to the New York City area. It was founded in 1949 by [redacted] who is in complete control of the Party. The Party's main function is distribution of the "National Renaissance Bulletin" on a bi-monthly basis and distribution of pro-Arab literature obtained from official Arab establishments in New York City.

The source further stated that the headquarters for the NRP is located in the residence of [redacted] New York City.

On March 4, 1965, [redacted] Newburgh, New York, advised that he is the [redacted] of the NRP and as such is [redacted]

[redacted] stated that the NRP is a fascist organization but that it operates openly. He stated that the NRP advocates the use of the ballot in order to win a national election and take over the government. If the NRP should gain power it would then proceed to change the constitution in a legal way in order to give it the right to use militant means in dealing with those who would seek to overthrow this democracy such as the Communist Party.

The Un-American Activities Committee of the United States House of Representatives in a Preliminary Report dated December 17, 1954, stated that NRP activity and propaganda are clearly subversive and un-American.

On September 29, 1964, [redacted] source advised that on July 16, 1964, [redacted] of the NRP, was sentenced to two years in jail following his conviction on a charge of riot.

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APPENDIX

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NATIONAL RENAISSANCE PARTY

Subsequent to July 16, 1964, all activities of the NRP appeared to have been suspended. As of September 29, 1964, [ ] was free on bail pending an appeal on his conviction and sentencing on July 16, 1964. This source advised that the NRP would not be reactivated by Madole who feared that such reactivation might jeopardize his appeal.

On May 18, 1965, [ ] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised that on May 15, 1965, he had been informed by [ ] that his appeal would be heard sometime in early September, 1965. [ ] further stated future activities of the NRP would depend on the outcome of that appeal. Should he win his appeal [ ] stated there could be an expected increase in NRP activities. Should he lose, there will not be any activity since he will be sent to jail. Madole stated there will be no real NRP activity until the status of his appeal is determined in September, 1965.

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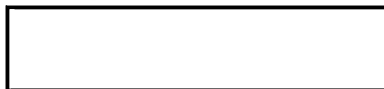
Dear Director:

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C/O 8-1

The enclosed news item had me so provoked today,  
I felt that it should be brought to your direct attention Have you received  
other letters and inquiries from St Louis on this vital dangerous issue?  
What can be done about its investigation? Does the F. BI already  
"know" the St Louis Chieftons of this Klan?

Please advise what we club women and civic minded  
citizens can do to be helpful. Also what is the F. B. I. doing on this  
urgent issue. Please keep my name confidential because we have  
children at college and grade schools

Respectfully



Please return Clippings Should be P. T. A. mothers clubs be informed  
on this danger? or is it grossly exagerated? How many members are  
affiliated in Missouri and St Louis?

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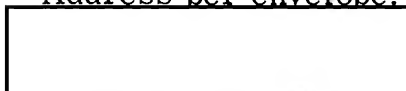
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# KU KLUX KLAN UNITS REPORTED IN CITY, COUNTY

At Least a Dozen  
Formed in Recent  
Months, Leader Says

By ROBERT H. COLLINS  
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff  
The National Knights of the  
Ku Klux Klan, Inc., operating in  
great secrecy, has established  
at least a dozen klaverns (units)  
in St. Louis and St. Louis coun-  
ty in recent months, the Post-  
Dispatch was told yesterday.

This organization, one of the  
major divisions of the Klan, ap-  
parently has its greatest strength  
in Georgia. Its Imperial Wizard  
(top national leader) is James R.  
Venable, an Atlanta lawyer.

Several automobiles from the  
St. Louis area were noted at a  
recent national meeting of the  
National Knights of the Ku Klux  
Klan at Stone Mountain, Ga.,  
near Atlanta. Klan leaders from  
38 states reportedly attended  
the meeting.

## Discusses Movement Here

One of the klavern leaders  
from here, a college student  
whose identity was learned after  
the meeting, agreed to discuss  
the Klan movement in the St.  
Louis area, provided his name  
was not used.

Information from other sources  
tends to substantiate to a con-  
siderable degree much that he  
told the Post-Dispatch about the  
activities of the Klan not only  
in St. Louis and St. Louis county  
but also in Jefferson county, the  
East Side and southern Illinois.

The klavern leader, whose title  
is "exalted cyclops," said that  
the Klan's organizing effort has  
been in progress here for at  
least two years. "But it was  
after the enactment of the Civil  
Rights Bill by Congress last year  
that the membership began to  
show a strong increase, not only  
in this area but all over the  
country," he said.

## Intensified Drive

The organizing effort in Mis-  
souri and southern Illinois has  
been intensified by the National  
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# Ku Klux Klan

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the last six months, the klavern leader said.

Every effort is made to maintain secrecy of membership rolls, he continued: "When you take the Klan oath, you swear before God that you will not reveal the identity of any member or any secrets of the organization," he said, "and you further agree that if you prove untrue as a klansman, you will willingly accept any punishment deemed necessary by the national headquarters."

"Potential members are seeking us out in the St. Louis area," the Klan leader said, "and we are going to those individuals who impress us as good prospects."

After new members are accepted, he commented, "they are investigated for a period of two years by our central intelligence office in Atlanta." He said that a few "FBI pimps and Communists" have been found in the Klan.

In several states in the last year, notably sections of Ohio and Pennsylvania, the Klan has made surprising public demonstrations of strength in areas where it was hardly known to exist.

## Organization in Missouri

The klavern leader said that the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan has organized klaverns in northeast Missouri, southeast Missouri, St. Louis and St. Louis county.

Missouri now has the standard Klan organizational structure for a state, with a Grand Dragon (state leader) in charge, the klansman explained. He refused to name the Missouri Grand Dragon or the city in which he lives.

The Klan leader said that organization of a klavern is not permitted unless it has 50 members. "Membership of a klavern may not exceed 250, because when it reaches that size it is unwieldy, and it poses some problems in maintaining secrecy," he said.

Klaverns have been organized in south St. Louis, in the northern and southern parts of St. Louis county, in Arnold and Maxville in Jefferson county, and in Collinsville, East St. Louis, Columbia and Cairo in Illinois, the klansman said. Fenton was the only city in St.

Louis," the klavern leader said. "These men said that some Catholics in that state have become highly effective klansmen, and they wanted their acceptance made official."

Ralph E. Pryor Jr., grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan in Delaware, announced Sept. 30 that his organization was accepting Catholics into membership.

He said that before admitting Catholics, he had consulted Imperial Wizard Robert M. Shelton Jr., Tuscaloosa, Ala., national head of the United Klans of America.

Shelton told him, Pryor said, that Catholics could be admitted as long as they were willing to take the Klan oath, in which they must pledge that they "take no orders from any foreign power . . . not from a king, a dictator, or the Pope."

Shelton's order would have no effect on the St. Louis area klaverns, because they apparently are under the control of Imperial Wizard Venable.

## Johnson

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"doesn't intend to use the telephone if he can help it."

Mr. Johnson is an inveterate telephone caller who conducts a great deal of business that way in the course of a normal day.

Taking advantage of his hospital confinement, Mr. Johnson had some dental work today. He went from his third-floor room to the dentist's offices on the second story of the hospital, walking part of the way.

He spent about 30 minutes in the dentist's chair, having his teeth cleaned and one filling replaced. Tomorrow Mr. Johnson will return to have a small filling replaced.

The dental work was performed by Capt. John Pepper and Comdr. James Enoch, members of the hospital staff.

## Stitches Removed

The President awoke about 7 a.m. today after a sleep of about five hours. Before breakfast, doctors removed the stitches used to close the long incision in his abdomen. Supervising the removal was Dr. George A. Hallenbeck of the Mayo Clinic, head of the surgical team that operated on the President. Dr. Hallenbeck has remained in attendance since the operation.

Mr. Johnson was said to be in a better frame of mind today than in the last day or two. He

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"Cairo is the Klan's strong  
point in Illinois," the Kl  
leader said. "There is a  
population there which  
probably also accounts for our  
growth on the East Side."

The klavern leader said that  
the Klan will "come into the  
open" in this area but said he  
did not know when. "We will  
not come into the open until  
we are strong enough politically  
to send Senators and Repre-  
sentatives to Jefferson City and  
to Washington. The Negroes  
proved this can be done—they  
even put a man in the White  
House—and if they can do it  
so can we."

"First, and above everything  
else I am a Christian," the  
klansman said. "This is why  
I am in the Klan. We feel that  
God was the first segregation-  
ist. Many Negroes here and in  
the South are fine Christians.  
I believe in equal housing,  
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Christian. I don't want my  
children to have to associate  
with him, and I don't want him  
living next to me."

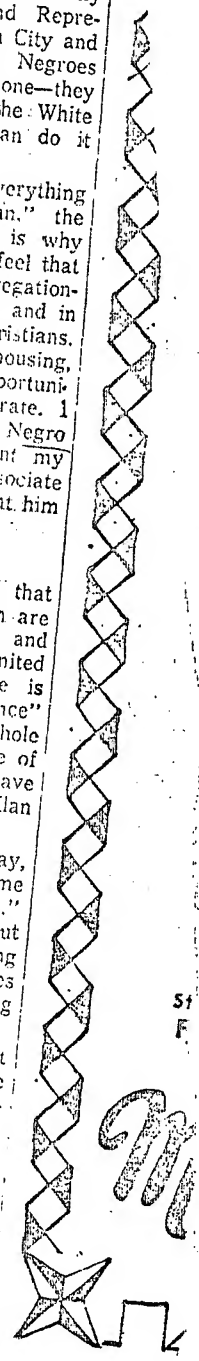
#### Main Goals

The klavern leader said that  
the main goals of the Klan are  
"to save the white race and  
the Constitution of the United  
States." He said that he is  
"100 per cent against violence"  
and that the Klan as a whole  
is against violence "in spite of  
all the outright lies that have  
been written about the Klan  
in that respect."

"Most Missourians used to say,  
'as long as the Negro leaves me  
alone, I will leave him alone.'  
the Klansman continued. "but  
now they finally are realizing  
that by not defending themselves  
from the Negro, they are letting  
him take over the country."

The klavern leader said that  
one question discussed by the  
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ing was admission of Catholics  
to the Klan.

He said that apparently they  
have made no decision on this  
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October 22, 1965

REC-56 157-161-458

[Redacted]  
Clayton, Missouri 63105

Dear [Redacted]

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 8-33-88 BY SP8 [Signature]

Oct 22 3 43 PM '65  
FBI  
REC'D-READING ROOM

Your letter of October 17th, with enclosure, has been received.

In response to your inquiry, information in our files must be maintained as confidential pursuant to regulations of the Department of Justice. I am sure you will understand the reason for this policy and why I am not in a position to furnish the information you desire.

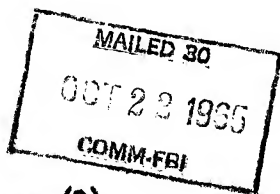
I would like to point out that all citizens can be of assistance by referring to proper authorities information they have of a criminal or subversive nature. If you receive such information, please feel free to contact representatives of our office located at 2704 Federal Building, St. Louis, Missouri 63103.

You can be assured we will continue to do everything within our power to discharge our responsibilities in the internal security field with the highest degree of thoroughness and dispatch.

Enclosed is a leaflet you might find of interest. I am returning the clipping you forwarded.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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Enclosures (2)

Excerpt from FBI Appropriations Testimony, 3-4-65 on FBI in Civil Rights matters.

1 - St. Louis - Enclosure

NOTE: Bufiles contain no record of correspondent.

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# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 10/29/65

FROM : SAC, KNOXVILLE (157-496) (RUC)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC.,  
aka., Association of Klans in America,  
Knights of the Ku Klux Klan  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

GENE MURPHY  
RACIAL MATTERS

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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP4 JY/6

Re Atlanta letter to Bureau 8/26/65, entitled  
"NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC., aka Association  
of Klans in America, Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, RACIAL  
MATTERS (KLAN)" wherein information was set forth that [redacted]  
[redacted] on 8/25/65, was in possession of a document containing  
handwritten list of names and addresses which informant did  
not know significance of list but believed them to be members  
of the National Knights, Knights of Ku Klux Klan, Inc.

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Referenced letter contained the name [redacted]  
14670 Greystone Avenue, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The City Directory of Knoxville and city maps  
reflect there is no Greystone Avenue in Knoxville. It is  
noted the street numbers in Knoxville do not run in five  
digits.

On 10/27/65, [redacted] Knoxville Credit Bureau,  
advised that his records contain no record for [redacted]  
currently residing in Knoxville.

[redacted] checked records of  
Knoxville PD, and no record for any [redacted] was located.

Indices of Knoxville Office were searched and no  
record identifiable with the subject was found. Informants in  
klan matters have not produced a name of this nature in con-  
nection with klan activities in this area.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT  
*Memorandum*

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

DATE: 10/29/65

FROM : SAC, CHARLOTTE (157-193)

SUBJECT: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN,  
INC., aka.  
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)  
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ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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DATE 8-22-88 BY SP8 JFJ/ST

The following names are being submitted to the Bureau for indexing. These persons have either become members or have made application to become members of the above organization. Prior to dissemination of this information outside the Bureau, it is suggested a recheck be made with the Charlotte Division to definitely determine identity and endeavor to verify membership in captioned organization through additional sources and/or investigation.

Where no address is listed it is believed the individual will reside in the general vicinity of the city in North Carolina bearing the klavern name of which he is a member.

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NAME AND DESCRIPTION IF AVAILABLE	KLAVERN	SOURCE RAC INFORMANT	ORIGINAL INFORMATION LOCATED IN
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FOI/PA # 279,524  
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